

(19)



Europäisches Patentamt
European Patent Office
Office européen des brevets



(11)

EP 1 557 423 A1

(12)

EUROPEAN PATENT APPLICATION
published in accordance with Art. 158(3) EPC

(43) Date of publication:

27.07.2005 Bulletin 2005/30

(51) Int Cl.7: C07F 9/50, C07F 11/00,
C08F 4/646

(21) Application number: 03754125.7

(86) International application number:
PCT/JP2003/013169

(22) Date of filing: 15.10.2003

(87) International publication number:
WO 2004/037835 (06.05.2004 Gazette 2004/19)

(84) Designated Contracting States:

AT BE BG CH CY CZ DE DK EE ES FI FR GB GR
HU IE IT LI LU MC NL PT RO SE SI SK TR

Designated Extension States:

AL LT LV MK

(30) Priority: 23.10.2002 JP 2002308102

(72) Inventors:

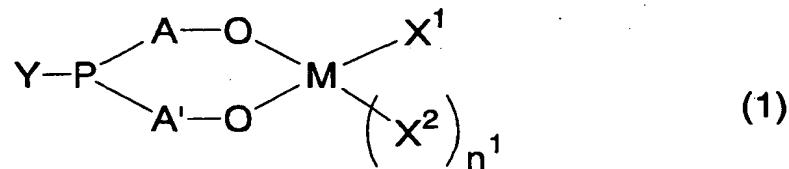
- IMAMOTO, Yuka
Kitakatsuragi-gun, Nara 639-2147 (JP)
- HANAOKA, Hidenori
Suita-shi, Osaka 565-0874 (JP)
- HIGASHII, Takayuki
Ibaraki-shi, Osaka 567-0841 (JP)

(71) Applicant: Sumitomo Chemical Company,
Limited
Tokyo 104-8260 (JP)

(74) Representative: VOSSIUS & PARTNER
Siebertstrasse 4
81675 München (DE)

(54) **TRANSITION METAL COMPLEXES AND POLYMERIZATION CATALYSTS**

(57) There are provided a transition metal complex of formula (1):



wherein M represents an element of Group 6 of Periodic Table of Elements, A and A' are the same or different, and represent a substituted or unsubstituted C1-10 alkylene group or the like, Y represents a substituted or unsubstituted C1-10 alkyl group, or the like, X¹ and X² are the same or different, and represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted C1-10 alkyl group, or an amino group disubstituted with C1-20 hydrocarbon, and n¹ is an integer of 0 to 3, an olefin polymerization catalyst obtained by combining a transition metal complex with an organic aluminum or aluminoxane, a polymerization catalyst further containing a boron compound, and a process for producing olefin polymer using the polymerization catalyst.

EP 1 557 423 A1

Description**Technical Field**

5 [0001] The present invention relates to transition metal complexes, olefin polymerization catalysts and a process for preparing olefin polymers.

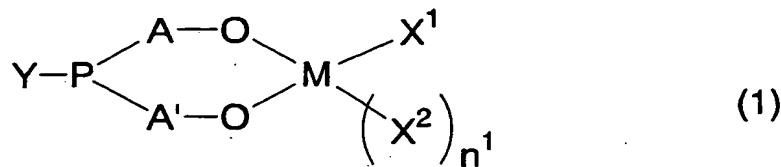
Background Technique

10 [0002] WO87/02370 reports that 2,2'-thiobis(6-tert-butyl-4-methylphenoxy)titanium dichloride is used as a component of an olefin polymerization catalyst, and JP-A No. 10-218922 reports that 2,2'-(phenylphosphido)bis(6-tert-butyl-4-methylphenoxy)(tetrahydrofuran)titanium dichloride is used as a component of an olefin polymerization catalyst. However, these catalysts are not industrially necessarily satisfactory in their activity.

Disclosure of the Invention

15 [0003] According to the present invention, an olefin polymerization catalyst having better activity is obtained from a novel transition metal complex, and olefin polymers can be industrially advantageously prepared by a method of polymerizing olefin using the catalyst.

20 [0004] That is, the present invention provides
a transition metal complex of formula (1):



30 wherein M represents an element of Group 6 of Periodic Table of Elements,

A and A' are the same or different and represent

a substituted or unsubstituted C1-10 alkylene group,

a substituted or unsubstituted C6-18 phenylene group,

a substituted or unsubstituted C10-20 naphthylene group or

a silylene group substituted with a substituted or unsubstituted C1-20 hydrocarbon,

Y represents a substituted or unsubstituted C1-10 alkyl group,

a substituted or unsubstituted C7-20 aralkyl group,

a substituted or unsubstituted C6-20 aryl group or

a silyl group substituted with a substituted or unsubstituted C1-20 hydrocarbon,

X¹ and X² are the same or different, and represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom,

a substituted or unsubstituted C1-10 alkyl group,

a substituted or unsubstituted C7-20 aralkyl group,

a substituted or unsubstituted C6-20 aryl group,

a substituted or unsubstituted C1-10 alkoxy group,

a substituted or unsubstituted C7-20 aralkyloxy group,

a substituted or unsubstituted C6-20 aryloxy group, or an amino group disubstituted with C1-20 hydrocarbon, and

n¹ is an integer of 0 to 3;

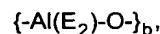
40 an olefin polymerization catalyst which is obtained by combining the transition metal complex with the following compound (A):

50 compound (A): any one of the following compounds (A₁) to (A₃), or a mixture of two or more of them

(A₁): an organic aluminum compound of formula:

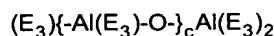


(A₂): cyclic aluminoxane having a structure of formula:



5

(A₃): linear aluminoxane having a structure of formula:



10

wherein E₁ to E₃ are the same or different, and represent a C1-8 hydrocarbon group, Z's are the same or different and represent a hydrogen atom or a halogen atom,

15

- a represent 1, 2 or 3,
- b represents an integer of 2 or more, and
- c represent an integer of 1 or more;

20

an olefin polymerization catalyst which is obtained by combining the aforementioned olefin polymerization catalyst and the following compound (B):

compound (B): any one of the following compounds (B₁) to (B₃), or a mixture of two or more of them:

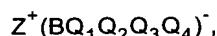
25

(B₁): a boron compound of formula



30

(B₂): a boron compound of formula



35

(B₃): a boron compound of formula



40

wherein B is a trivalent boron atom,

Q₁ to Q₄ are the same or different and represent a halogen atom, a C1-20 hydrocarbon group, a halogenated C1-20 hydrocarbon group, a silyl group substituted with C1-20 hydrocarbon,

an C1-20 alkoxy group, or

an amino group disubstituted with C1-20 hydrocarbon,

Z⁺ represents an inorganic or organic cation, and

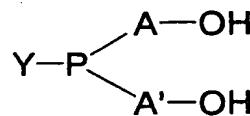
45

L represents a neutral Lewis base;

a process for preparing an olefin polymer utilizing the polymerization catalyst, and

a process for preparing a transition metal complex of formula (1), which process comprise reacting a compound of formula (3):

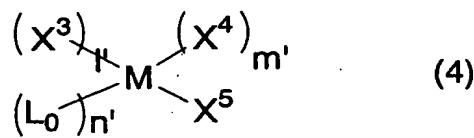
50



(3)

55

wherein Y, A and A' are as defined above, with a transition metal compound of formula (4):

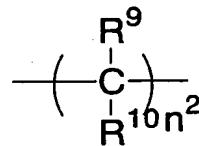


10 wherein M represents an element of Group 6 of Periodic Table of Elements,
 X³, X⁴ and X⁵ are the same or different, and represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom,
 a substituted or unsubstituted C1-10 alkyl group,
 a substituted or unsubstituted C7-20 aralkyl group,
 a substituted or unsubstituted C6-20 aryl group,
 a substituted or unsubstituted C1-10 alkoxy group,
 15 a substituted or unsubstituted C7-20 aralkyloxy group,
 a substituted or unsubstituted C6-20 aryloxy group, or
 an amino group disubstituted with C1-20 hydrocarbon,
 L₀ represents a neutral ligand selected from ether, sulfide, amine, phosphine or olefin, and
 20 l', m' and n' represent independently an integer of 0 to 2.

20 Best Mode for Carrying Out the Invention

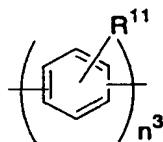
[0005] The present invention will be explained in detail below.

[0006] Examples of the substituted or unsubstituted C1-10 alkylene group of formula A or A' in the compound of
 25 formula (1) or (3) include, for example, a group of formula:



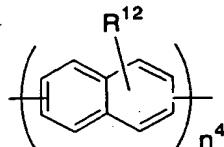
wherein R⁹ and R¹⁰ represent the substituents as defined below and n² is an integer of 1 to 10.

[0007] Examples of the substituted or unsubstituted C6-18 phenylene group represented by A or A' in the compound
 35 of formula (1) or (3) include a group of formula:



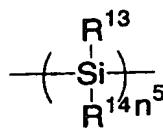
45 wherein R¹¹ is as defined below, and n³ is an integer of 1 to 3.

[0008] Examples of the substituted or unsubstituted C10-20 naphthylene group of formula: A or A' in the compound
 of formula (1) or (3) include, for example, a group of formula:



55 wherein R¹² represents the substituents as defined below, and n⁴ is 1 or 2.

[0009] Examples of the substituted or unsubstituted silylene group substituted with C1-20 hydrocarbon, represented
 by A, or A' in the compound of formula (1) or (3) include, for example, a group of formula:



wherein R^{13} and R^{14} are as defined below, and n^5 is 1 or 2.

[0010] In the aforementioned formulas, R^9 , R^{10} , R^{11} , R^{12} , R^{13} and R^{14} are the same or different, and represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted C1-10 alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted C1-10 alkoxy group, or a silyl group substituted with C1-20 hydrocarbon. n^2 and n^3 are preferably 1 or 2.

[0011] Examples of the halogen atom in R^9 to R^{14} include a fluorine atom, a chlorine atom, a bromine atom and an iodine atom, and preferred is a chlorine atom.

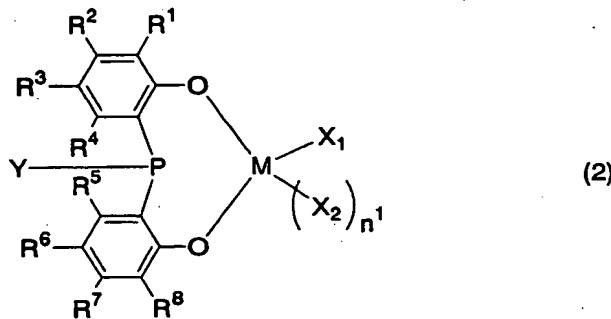
[0012] Examples of the unsubstituted C1-10 alkyl group in R^9 to R^{14} include a methyl group, an ethyl group, a n-propyl group, an isopropyl group, a n-butyl group, a sec-butyl group, a tert-butyl group, a n-pentyl group, a neopentyl group, an amyl group, a n-hexyl group, a n-octyl group, a n-nonyl group, and a n-decyl group. Examples of the substituted C1-10 alkyl group include an C1-10 alkyl group substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom (e.g. a fluorine atom or a chlorine atom etc.), an alkoxy group (e.g. a methoxy group etc.), an aryloxy group (e.g. a phenoxy group etc.), an amino group substituted with hydrocarbon (e.g. a dimethylamino group etc.) and a silyl group substituted with hydrocarbon (e.g. a trimethylsilyl group etc.), and specific examples thereof include a fluoromethyl group, a difluoromethyl group, a trifluoromethyl group, a fluoroethyl group, a difluoroethyl group, a trifluoroethyl group, a tetrafluoroethyl group, a pentafluoroethyl group, a perfluoropropyl group, a perfluorobutyl group, a perfluoropentyl group, a perfluorohexyl group, a perfluoroctyl group, a perfluorodecyl group, a trichloromethyl group, a methoxymethyl group, a phenoxyethyl group, a dimethylaminomethyl group, and a trimethylsilylmethyl group. Among them, a methyl group, an ethyl group, an isopropyl group, a tert-butyl group, and an amyl group are preferred, and a more preferred is a tert-butyl group.

[0013] In R^9 to R^{14} , examples of the unsubstituted C1-10 alkoxy group include a methoxy group, an ethoxy group, a n-propoxy group, an isoproxy group, a n-butoxy group, a sec-butoxy group, a tert-butoxy group, a n-pentyloxy group, a neopentyloxy group, a n-hexyloxy group, a n-octyloxy group, a n-nonyloxy group, and a n-decyloxy group. Examples of the substituted C1-10 alkoxy group include an C1-10 alkoxy group substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom (e.g. a fluorine atom or a chlorine atom etc.), an alkoxy group (e.g. a methoxy group, an ethoxy group etc.), an aryloxy group (e.g. an phenoxy group etc.), an amino group substituted with hydrocarbon (e.g. a dimethylamino group etc.) and a silyl group substituted with hydrocarbon (e.g. a trimethylsilyl group etc.). Examples the substituted alkoxy group include, for example, a fluoromethoxy group, a difluoromethoxy group, a trifluoromethoxy group, a fluoroethoxy group, a difluoroethoxy group, a trifluoroethoxy group, a tetrafluoroethoxy group, a pentafluoroethoxy group, a perfluoropropoxy group, a perfluorobutyloxy group, a perfluoropentyloxy group, a perfluorohexyloxy group, a perfluoroctyloxy group, a perfluorodecyloxy group, a trichloromethoxy group, a methoxymethyl group, a phenoxyethoxy group, a dimethylaminomethoxy group, and a trimethylsilylmethoxy group. Preferred alkoxy group are a methoxy group, an ethoxy group and a tert-butoxy group.

[0014] In R^9 to R^{14} , examples of the hydrocarbon group of the silyl group substituted with substituted or unsubstituted C1-20 hydrocarbon include an C1-10 alkyl group such as a methyl group, an ethyl group, a n-propyl group, an isopropyl group, a n-butyl group, a sec-butyl group, a tert-butyl group, a n-pentyl group, a neopentyl group, an amyl group, a n-hexyl group, a cyclohexyl group, a n-octyl group, a n-nonyl group, or a n-decyl group, and an C6-20 aryl group such as a phenyl group, a tolyl group, a xylyl group, a naphtyl group, or an anthracenyl group.

[0015] Examples of the silyl group substituted with the C1-20 hydrocarbon include a monosubstituted silyl group such as a methylsilyl group, an ethylsilyl group, and a phenylsilyl group, a disubstituted silyl group such as a dimethylsilyl group, a diethylsilyl group, a diphenylsilyl group, and a trisubstituted silyl group such as a trimethylsilyl group, a triethylsilyl group, a tri-n-propylsilyl group, a tri-isopropylsilyl group, a tri-n-butylsilyl group, a tri-sec-butylsilyl group, a tri-tert-butylsilyl group, a tri-isobutylsilyl group, a tert-butyldimethylsilyl group, a tri-n-pentylsilyl group, a tri-n-hexylsilyl group, a tricyclohexylsilyl group, and a triphenylsilyl group, preferably a trimethylsilyl group, a tert-butyldimethylsilyl group, and a triphenylsilyl group. Examples of the silyl group substituted with substituted C1-20 hydrocarbon include a silyl group substituted with a halogen (e.g. a fluorine atom)-substituted C1-20 hydrocarbon group.

[0016] Preferred transition metal complex of formula (1) is a transition metal complex wherein A and A' is a substituted or unsubstituted C6-18 phenylene group, and is represented by formula (2):



wherein M represents an element of Group 6 of Periodic Table of Elements, Y represents a substituted or unsubstituted C1-10 alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted C7-20 aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted C6-20 aryl group, a silyl group substituted with a substituted or unsubstituted C1-20 hydrocarbon,

R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷ and R⁸ are the same or different, and represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an C1-10 alkyl group, an C1-10 alkoxy group, or a silyl group substituted with a C1-20 hydrocarbon,

X¹ and X² are the same or different, and represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted C1-10 alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted C7-20 aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted C6-20 aryl group, a substituted or unsubstituted C1-10 alkoxy group, a substituted or unsubstituted C7-20 aralkyloxy group, a substituted or unsubstituted C6-20 aryloxy group, or an amino group disubstituted with C1-20 hydrocarbon, and n¹ is an integer of 0 to 3.

[0017] In the transition metal complex of formula (2), examples of the halogen atom in R¹ to R⁸ include a fluorine atom, a chlorine atom, a bromine atom, and an iodine atom, and preferred is a chlorine atom.

[0018] Examples of the unsubstituted C1-10 alkyl group in R¹ to R⁸ include a methyl group, an ethyl group, a n-propyl group, an isopropyl group, a n-butyl group, a sec-butyl group, a tert-butyl group, a n-pentyl group, a neopentyl group, an amyl group, a n-hexyl group, a n-octyl group, a n-nonyl group, and a n-decyl group, and an C1-10 alkyl group substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom (preferably a fluorine atom, or a chlorine atom etc.), an alkoxy group (e.g. a methoxy group, an ethoxy group etc.), an aryloxy group (e.g. a phenoxy group etc.), an amino group substituted with hydrocarbon (e.g. a dimethylamino group etc.) and a silyl group substituted with hydrocarbon (e.g. a trimethylsilyl group etc.), and specific examples thereof include a fluoromethyl group, a difluoromethyl group, a trifluoromethyl group, a fluoroethyl group, a difluoroethyl group, a trifluoroethyl group, a tetrafluoroethyl group, a pentafluoroethyl group, a perfluoropropyl group, a perfluorobutyl group, a perfluoropentyl group, a perfluorohexyl group, a perfluoroctyl group, a perfluorodecyl group, a trichloromethyl group, a methoxymethyl group, a phenoxyethyl group, a dimethylaminomethyl group, and a trimethylsilylmethyl group. Among them, a methyl group, an ethyl group, an isopropyl group, a tert-butyl group and an amyl group are preferred, and a tert-butyl group is more preferred.

[0019] In R¹ to R⁸, examples of the unsubstituted C1-10 alkoxy group include a methoxy group, an ethoxy group, a n-propoxy group, an isoproxy group, a n-butoxy group, a sec-butoxy group, a tert-butoxy group, a n-pentyloxy group, a neopentyloxy group, a n-hexyloxy group, a n-octyloxy group, a n-nonyloxy group, and n-decyloxy group. Examples of the substituted C1-10 alkoxy group include an C1-10 alkoxy group substituted with a halogen atom (e.g. a fluorine atom or a chlorine atom etc.), an alkoxy group (e.g. a methoxy group, an ethoxy group etc.), an aryloxy group (e.g. a phenoxy group etc.), an amino group substituted with hydrocarbon (e.g. a dimethylamino group etc.), or a silyl group substituted with hydrocarbon (e.g. a trimethylsilyl group etc.).

[0020] Examples of the substituted alkoxy group include a fluoromethoxy group, a difluoromethoxy group, a trifluoromethoxy group, a fluoroethoxy group, a difluoroethoxy group, a trifluoroethoxy group, a tetrafluoroethoxy group, a pentafluoroethoxy group, a perfluoropropoxy group, a perfluorobutyloxy group, a perfluoropentyloxy group, a perfluorohexyloxy group, a perfluoroctyloxy group, a perfluorodecyloxy group, a trichloromethoxy group, a methoxymethoxy group, a phenoxyethoxy group, a dimethylaminomethoxy group, and a trimethylsilylmethoxy group. Preferred alkoxy groups are a methoxy group, an ethoxy group, and a tert-butoxy group.

[0021] In R¹ to R⁸, examples of the hydrocarbon group of the silyl group substituted with unsubstituted C1-20 hydrocarbon include an C1-10 alkyl group such as a methyl group, an ethyl group, an-propylgroup, an isopropyl group, a n-butyl group, a sec-butyl group, a tert-butyl group; a n-pentyl group, a neopentyl group, an amyl group, a n-hexyl group, a cyclohexyl group, a n-octyl group, or a n-decyl group, and an C6-20 aryl group such as a phenyl group, a tolyl group, a xylyl group, a naphthyl group, or an anthracenyl group.

[0022] Examples of the silyl group substituted with the C1-20 hydrocarbon include a monosubstituted silyl group such as a methylsilyl group, an ethylsilyl group, or a phenylsilyl group, a disubstituted silyl group such as a dimethylsilyl group, a diethylsilyl group, or a diphenylsilyl group, and a trisubstituted silyl group such as a trimethylsilyl group, a triethylsilyl group, a tri-n-propylsilyl group, a tri-isopropylsilyl group, a tri-n-butylsilyl group, a tri-sec-butylsilyl group, a tri-tert-butylsilyl group, a tri-isobutylsilyl group, a tert-butylidimethylsilyl group, a tri-n-pentylsilyl group, a tri-n-hexylsilyl group, a tricyclohexylsilyl group, or a triphenylsilyl group, preferred is a trimethylsilyl group, a tert-butylidimethylsilyl group, or a triphenylmethyl group. Examples of the substituted hydrocarbon group of the silyl group substituted with substituted C1-20 hydrocarbon include such groups wherein the hydrocarbon group is substituted with a halogen atom, for example, a fluorine atom.

[0023] Y of the compound of formula (1), (2) or (3) represents a substituted or unsubstituted C1-10 alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted C7-20 aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted C6-20 aryl group, or a silyl group substituted with substituted or unsubstituted C1-20 hydrocarbon.

[0024] In Y, examples of the unsubstituted C1-10 alkyl group include a methyl group, an ethyl group, a n-propyl group, an isopropyl group, a n-butyl group, a sec-butyl group, a tert-butyl group, a n-pentyl group, a neopentyl group, an amyl group, a n-hexyl group, a n-octyl group, or a n-decyl group, examples of the substituted C1-10 alkyl group include an C1-10 alkyl group substituted with an alkoxy group (e.g. a methoxy group etc.), or aryloxy group (e.g. a phenoxy group), and specific examples thereof include a methoxymethyl group, and a phenoxyethyl group. Among them, a methyl group, an ethyl group, an isopropyl group, and a tert-butyl group are preferred, and a tert-butyl group is more preferred.

[0025] In Y, examples of the unsubstituted C7-20 aralkyl group include a benzyl group, a naphthylmethyl group, an anthracenylmethyl group, a diphenylmethyl group, a (2-methylphenyl)methyl group, a (3-methylphenyl)methyl group, a (4-methylphenyl)methyl group, a (2,3-dimethylphenyl)methyl group, a (2,4-dimethylphenyl)methyl group, a (2,5-dimethylphenyl)methyl group, a (2,6-dimethylphenyl)methyl group, a (3,4-dimethylphenyl)methyl group, a (2,3,4-trimethylphenyl)methyl group, a (2,3,5-trimethylphenyl)methyl group, a (2,3,6-trimethylphenyl)methyl group, a (3,4,5-trimethylphenyl)methyl group, a (2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)methyl group, a (2,3,4,5-tetramethylphenyl)methyl group, a (2,3,4,6-tetramethylphenyl)methyl group, a (2,3,5,6-tetramethylphenyl)methyl group, a (pentamethylphenyl)methyl group, an (ethylphenyl)methyl group, a (n-propylphenyl)methyl group, an (isopropylphenyl)methyl group, a (n-butylphenyl)methyl group, a (sec-butylphenyl)methyl group, a (tert-butylphenyl)methyl group, a (n-pentylphenyl)methyl group, a (neopentylphenyl)methyl group, a (n-hexylphenyl)methyl group, a (n-octylphenyl)methyl group, a (n-decylphenyl)methyl group, and examples of the substituted C7-20 aralkyl group include an C7-20 aralkyl group substituted with a group selected from an alkoxy group (e.g. a methoxy group etc.) and an aryloxy group (e.g. a phenoxy group etc.), and specific examples thereof include a (methoxyphenyl)methyl group, and a (phenoxyphenyl)methyl group. Preferred aralkyl group is a benzyl group.

[0026] In Y, examples of the unsubstituted C6-20 aryl group include a phenyl group, a naphthyl group, an anthracenyl group, a 2-tolyl group, a 3-tolyl group, a 4-tolyl group, a 2,3-xylyl group, a 2,4-xylyl group, a 2,5-xylyl group, a 2,6-xylyl group, a 3,4-xylyl group, a 3,5-xylyl group, a 2,3,4-trimethylphenyl group, a 2,3,5-trimethylphenyl group, a 2,3,6-trimethylphenyl group, a 2,4,6-trimethylphenyl group, a 3,4,5-trimethylphenyl group, a 2,3,4,5-tetramethylphenyl group, a 2,3,5,6-tetramethylphenyl group, a 2,3,4,6-tetramethylphenyl group, a 2,3,5,6-tetramethylphenyl group, a neopentylphenyl group, a n-hexylphenyl group, a n-octylphenyl group, a n-decylphenyl group, a n-dodecylphenyl group, and a n-tetradecylphenyl group. Examples of the substituted C6-20 aryl group include an C6-20 aryl group substituted with an alkoxy group (e.g. a methoxy group etc.) or an aryloxy group (e.g. a phenoxy group etc.), and specific examples thereof include a 2-methoxyphenyl group, a 3-methoxyphenyl group,

a 4-methoxyphenyl group, and a 4-phenoxyphenyl group.

Preferred aryl group is a phenyl group.

[0027] Examples of the hydrocarbon group of the silyl group substituted with an unsubstituted C1-20 hydrocarbon represented by Y include an C1-10 alkyl group such as a methyl group, an ethyl group, an-propyl group, a isopropyl group, a n-butyl group, a sec-butyl group, a tert-butyl group, a n-pentyl group, a neopentyl group, an amyl group, a n-hexyl group, a cyclohexyl group, a n-octyl group, or a n-decyl group, and an C6-20 aryl group such as a phenyl group, a tolyl group, a xylyl group, a naphthyl group, or an anthracenyl group. Examples of the silyl group substituted with the C1-20 hydrocarbon include a monosubstituted silyl group such as a methylsilyl group, an ethylsilyl group, or a phenylsilyl group, a disubstituted silyl group such as a dimethylsilyl group, a diethylsilyl group, or a diphenylsilyl group, and a trisubstituted silyl group such as a trimethylsilyl group, a triethylsilyl group, a tri-n-propylsilyl group, a tri-isopropylsilyl group, a tri-n-butylsilyl group, a tri-sec-butylsilyl group, a tri-tert-butylsilyl group, a tri-isobutylsilyl group, a tert-butyldimethylsilyl group, a tri-n-pentylsilyl group, a tri-n-hexylsilyl group, a tricyclohexylsilyl group, or a triphenylsilyl group, examples of the hydrocarbon group of the silyl group substituted with substituted C1-20 hydrocarbon include a C1-20 hydrocarbon group substituted with a substituent selected from an alkoxy group or an aryloxy group, and preferred are a trimethylsilyl group, a tert-butyldimethylsilyl group, and a triphenylsilyl group.

[0028] M of the compound of formula (1), (2) or (4) represents an element of Group 6 of Periodic Table of Elements, specifically, a chromium atom, a molybdenum atom, and a tungsten atom, preferred is a chromium atom.

[0029] Examples of the unsubstituted C1-10 alkyl group represented by X¹, X², X³, X⁴ and X⁵ in the compound of formula (1), (2) or (4) include a methyl group, an ethyl group, a n-propyl group, an isopropyl group, a n-butyl group, a sec-butyl group, a tert-butyl group, a n-pentyl group, a neopentyl group, an amyl group, a n-hexyl group, a n-octyl group, and a n-decyl group. Examples of the substituted C1-10 alkyl group include an C1-10 alkyl group substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom (e.g. a fluorine atom or a chlorine atom etc.), an alkoxy group (e.g. a methoxy group etc.), an aryloxy group (e.g. a phenoxy group etc.), an amino group substituted with hydrocarbon (e.g. a dimethylamino group etc.), and a silyl group substituted with hydrocarbon (e.g. a trimethylsilyl group etc.), and specific examples thereof include a fluoromethyl group, a difluoromethyl group, a trifluoromethyl group, a fluoroethyl group, a difluoroethyl group, a trifluoroethyl group, a tetrafluoroethyl group, a pentafluoroethyl group, a perfluoropropyl group, a perfluorobutyl group, a perfluoropentyl group, a perfluoroethyl group, a perfluoroctyl group, a perfluorodecyl group, a trichloromethyl group, a methoxymethyl group, a phenoxyethyl group, a dimethylaminomethyl group, and a trimethylsilylmethyl group. Among them, preferred are a methyl group, an ethyl group, an isopropyl group, a tert-butyl group, and an amyl group, and more preferred is a methyl group.

[0030] Examples of the unsubstituted C7-20 aralkyl group in X¹ to X⁵ in the compound of the formula (1), (2) or (4) include a benzyl group, a naphthylmethyl group, an anthracenylmethyl group, a diphenylmethyl group, a (2-methylphenyl)methyl group, a (3-methylphenyl)methyl group, a (4-methylphenyl)methyl group, a (2,3-dimethylphenyl)methyl group, a (2,4-dimethylphenyl)methyl group, a (2,5-dimethylphenyl)methyl group, a (2,6-dimethylphenyl)methyl group, a (3,4-dimethylphenyl)methyl group, a (2,3,4-trimethylphenyl)methyl group, a (2,3,5-trimethylphenyl)methyl group, a (2,3,6-trimethylphenyl)methyl group, a (3,4,5-trimethylphenyl)methyl group, a (2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)methyl group, a (2,3,4,5-tetramethylphenyl)methyl group, a (2,3,4,6-tetramethylphenyl)methyl group, a (2,3,5,6-tetramethylphenyl)methyl group, a (pentamethylphenyl)methyl group, an (ethylphenyl)methyl group, a (n-propylphenyl)methyl group, an (isopropylphenyl)methyl group, a (n-butylphenyl)methyl group, a (sec-butylphenyl)methyl group, a (tert-butylheptyl)methyl group, a (n-pentylphenyl)methyl group, a (neopentylphenyl)methyl group, a (n-hexylphenyl)methyl group, a (n-octylphenyl)methyl group, a (n-decylphenyl)methyl group, and a (n-dodecylphenyl)methyl group. Examples of the substituted C7-20 aralkyl group include an C7-20 aralkyl group substituted with a halogen atom (e.g. a fluorine atom or a chlorine atom etc.), an alkoxy group (e.g. a methoxy group etc.), an aryloxy group (e.g. a phenoxy group etc.), an amino group substituted with hydrocarbon (e.g. a dimethylamino group etc.), or a silyl group substituted with hydrocarbon (e.g. a trimethylsilyl group etc.), and specific examples thereof include a (fluorophenyl)methyl group,

a (difluorophenyl)methyl group, a (pentafluorophenyl)methyl group, a (chlorophenyl)methyl group, a (methoxyphenyl)methyl group, a (phenoxyphenyl)methyl group,

a (dimethylaminophenyl)methyl group, and

a (trimethylsilylphenyl)methyl group. Preferred aralkyl group is a benzyl group.

[0031] Examples of the unsubstituted C6-20 aryl group in X¹ to X⁵ in the compound of formula (1), (2) or (4) include a phenyl group, a naphthyl group, an anthracenyl group, a 2-tolyl group, a 3-tolyl group, a 4-tolyl group, a 2,3-xylyl group, a 2,4-xylyl group, a 2,5-xylyl group, a 2,6-xylyl group, a 3,4-xylyl group, a 3,5-xylyl group, a 2,3,4-trimethylphenyl group,

a 2,3,5-trimethylphenyl group, a 2,3,6-trimethylphenyl group,

a 2,4,6-trimethylphenyl group, a 3,4,5-trimethylphenyl group, a 2,3,4,5-tetramethylphenyl group, a 2,3,4,6-tetramethylphenyl group, a 2,3,5,6-tetramethylphenyl group, a pentamethylphenyl group, an ethylphenyl group, a n-propylphenyl group,

an isopropylphenyl group, a n-butylphenyl group,

a sec-butylphenyl group, a tert-butylphenyl group,

a n-pentylphenyl group, a neopentylphenyl group, a n-hexylphenyl group, a n-octylphenyl group, a n-decylphenyl group,

a n-dodecylphenyl group, and a n-tetradecylphenyl group. Examples of the substituted C6-20 aryl group include an C6-20 aryl group substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom (e.g. a fluorine atom etc.), an alkoxy group (e.g. a methoxy group etc.), an aryloxy group (e.g. a phenoxy group etc.), an amino group substituted with hydrocarbon (e.g. a dimethylamino group etc.), and a silyl group substituted with hydrocarbon (e.g. a trimethylsilyl group etc.), and specific examples thereof include a 2-fluorophenyl group, a 3-fluorophenyl group,

a 4-fluorophenyl group, a 3,5-difluorophenyl group,

a pentafluorophenyl group, a 4-chlorophenyl group,

a 2-methoxyphenyl group, a 3-methoxyphenyl group,

a 4-methoxyphenyl group, a 4-phenoxyphenyl group,

a 4-dimethylaminophenyl group, and a 4-trimethylsilylphenyl group. Preferred aryl group is a phenyl group.

[0032] Examples of the unsubstituted C1-10 alkoxy group in X¹ to X⁵ in the compound of formula (1), (2) or (4)

include a methoxy group, an ethoxy group, a n-propoxy group, an isopropoxy group, a n-butoxy group, a sec-butoxy group, a tert-butoxy group, a n-pentyloxy group, a neopentyloxy group, a n-hexyloxy group, a n-octyloxy group, a n-nonyloxy group, and a n-decyloxy group. Examples of the substituted C1-10 alkoxy group include an alkoxy group substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom (e.g. a fluorine atom or a chlorine atom etc.), an alkoxy group (e.g. a methoxy group etc.), an aryloxy group (e.g. a phenoxy group etc.), an amino group substituted with hydrocarbon (e.g. a dimethylamino group etc.), and a silyl group substituted with hydrocarbon (e.g. a trimethylsilyl group etc.), and specific examples thereof include a fluoromethoxy group,

a difluoromethoxy group, a trifluoromethoxy group,

a fluoroethoxy group, a difluoroethoxy group, a trifluoroethoxy group, a tetrafluoroethoxy group, a pentafluoroethoxy group,

a perfluoropropoxy group, a perfluorobutyloxy group,

a perfluoropentyloxy group, a perfluorohexyloxy group,

a perfluoroctyloxy group, a perfluorodecyloxy group,

a trichloromethoxy group, a methoxymethoxy group,

a phenoxyethoxy group, a dimethylaminomethoxy group, and

a trimethylsilylmethoxy group. Preferred substituted or unsubstituted C1-10 alkoxy group are a methoxy group, an ethoxy group, and a tert-butoxy group.

[0033] Examples of the unsubstituted C7-20 aralkyloxy group in X¹ to X⁵ in the compound of formula (1), (2) or (4)

include a benzyloxy group, a naphtylmethoxy group, an anthracenylmethoxy group, a diphenylmethoxy group, a (2-methylphenyl)methoxy group, a (3-methylophenyl)methoxy group, a (4-methylphenyl)methoxy group, a (2,3-dimethylphenyl)methoxy group,

a (2,4-dimethylphenyl)methoxy group,

a (2,5-dimethylphenyl)methoxy group,

a (2,6-dimethylphenyl)methoxy group,

a (3,4-dimethylphenyl)methoxy group,

a (2,3,4-trimethylphenyl)methoxy group,

a (2,3,5-trimethylphenyl)methoxy group,

a (2,3,6-trimethylphenyl)methoxy group,

a (3,4,5-trimethylphenyl)methoxy group,

a (2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)methoxy group,

a (2,3,4,5-tetramethylphenyl)methoxy group,

a (2,3,4,6-tetramethylphenyl)methoxy group,

a (2,3,5,6-tetramethylphenyl)methoxy group,

a (pentamethylphenyl)methoxy group, an (ethylphenyl)methoxy group, a (n-propylphenyl)methoxy group,

an (isopropylphenyl)methoxy group, a (n-butylphenyl)methoxy group, a (sec-butylphenyl)methoxy group, a (tert-butylphenyl)methoxy group, a (n-pentylphenyl)methoxy group, a (neopentylphenyl)methoxy group, a (n-hexylphenyl)methoxy group, a (n-octylphenyl)methoxy group, a (n-decylphenyl)methoxy group, and a (n-dodecylphenyl)methoxy group. Examples of the substituted C7-20 aralkyloxy group include the aralkyloxy group substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom (e.g. a chlorine atom or a fluorine atom etc.), an alkoxy group (e.g. a methoxy group etc.), an aryloxy group (e.g. a phenoxy group etc.), an amino group substituted with hydrocarbon (e.g. a dimethylamino group etc.) and a silyl group substituted with hydrocarbon (e.g. a trimethylsilyl group etc.), and specific examples thereof include a (f luorophenyl) methyl group, a (difluorophenyl) methyl group, a (pentafluorophenyl)methyl group, a (chlorophenyl)methyl group, a (methoxyphenyl)methyl group, a (phenoxyphenyl) methyl group, a (dimethylaminophenyl)methyl group, and a (trimethylsilylphenyl)methyl group. Preferred aralkyloxy group is a benzyloxy group.

[0034] Examples of the unsubstituted C6-20 aryloxy group in X¹ to X⁵ in the compound of formula (1), (2) or (4) include a phenoxy group, a naphthoxy group, an anthracenoxy group, a 2-methylphenoxy group, a 3-methylphenoxy group, a 4-methylphenoxy group, a 2,3-dimethylphenoxy group, a 2,4-dimethylphenoxy group, a 2,5-dimethylphenoxy group, a 2,6-dimethylphenoxy group, a 3,4-dimethylphenoxy group, a 3,5-dimethylphenoxy group, a 2,3,4-trimethylphenoxy group, a 2,3,5-trimethylphenoxy group, a 2,3,6-trimethylphenoxy group, a 2,4,5-trimethylphenoxy group, a 2, 4 , 6-trimethylphenoxy group, a 3,4,5-trimethylphenoxy group, a 2,3,4,5-tetramethylphenoxy group, a 2,3,4,6-tetramethylphenoxy group, a 2,3,5,6-tetramethylphenoxy group, a pentamethylphenoxy group, an ethylphenoxy group, a n-propylphenoxy group, an isopropylphenoxy group, a n-butylphenoxy group, a sec-butylphenoxy group, a tert-butylphenoxy group, a n-hexylphenoxy group, a n-octylphenoxy group, a n-decylphenoxy group, and a n-tetradecylphenoxy group. Examples of the substituted C6-20 aryloxy group include an aryloxy group substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom (e.g. a chlorine atom or a fluorine atom etc.), an alkoxy group (e.g. a methoxy group etc.), an aryloxy group (a phenoxy group etc.), an amino group substituted with hydrocarbon (e.g. a dimethylamino group etc.), and a silyl group substituted with hydrocarbon (e.g. a trimethylsilyl group etc.), and specific examples thereof include a 2-fluorophenoxy group, a 3-fluorophenoxy group, a 4-fluorophenoxy group, a 3,5-difluorophenoxy group, a pentafluorophenoxy group, a 4-chlorophenoxy group, a 2-methoxyphenoxy group, a 3-methoxyphenoxy group, a 4-methoxyphenoxy group, a 4-phenoxyphenoxy group, a 4-dimethylaminophenoxy group, and a 4-trimethylsilylphenoxy group. Preferred substituted or unsubstituted C7-20 aryloxy group is a phenoxy group.

[0035] Examples of the hydrocarbon group in an amino group disubstituted with C1-20 hydrocarbon in X¹ to X⁵ in the compound of formula (1), (2) or (4) include an C1-10 alkyl group such as a methyl group, an ethyl group, a n-propyl group, an isopropyl group, a n-butyl group, a sec-butyl group, a tert-butyl group, a n-pentyl group, a neopentyl group, an amyl group, a n-hexyl group, a cyclohexyl group, a n-octyl group, or a n-decyl group, and an C6-20 aryl group such as a phenyl group, a tolyl group a xylyl group, a naphthyl group, or an anthracenyl group. Examples of the amino group substituted with C1-20 hydrocarbon include a dimethylamino group, a diethylamino group, a di-n-propylamino group, a diisopropylamino group, a di-n-butylamino group, a di-sec-butylamino group, a di-tert-butylamino group, a di-isobutylamino group, a tert-butylisopropylamino group, a di-n-hexylamino group, a di-n-octylamino group, a di-n-decylamino group, and a diphenylamino group, and preferred is a dimethylamino group, or a diethylamino group.

[0036] Examples of the halogen atom in X¹ to X⁵ in the compound of formula (1), (2) or (4) include a fluorine atom, a chlorine atom, a bromine atom, and an iodine atom, and preferred is a chlorine atom.

[0037] Examples of the neutral ligand represented by L₀ include a molecule having a neutral functional group such as ether, sulfide, amine, phosphine and olefin, and a neutral ligand may have a plurality of coordinating functional groups in its molecule.

[0038] Examples of the neutral ligand include dimethyl ether, diethyl ether, methyl tert-butyl ether, furan, tetrahydrofuran, dimethoxyethane, diethoxyethane, dimethyl sulfide, diethyl sulfide, methyl tert-butyl sulfide, thiophene, tetrahydrothiophene, ethylenedithiol dimethyl sulfide, ethylenedithiol diethyl sulfide, trimethylamine, triethylamine, triphenylamine, tricyclohexylamine, pyridine, 2,2'-bipyridine; tetramethylethylenediamine, tetraethylethylenediamine, triphenylphosphine, tricyclohexylphosphine, tri-tert-butylphosphine, bis(diphenylphosphino)methane, bis(diphenylphosphino)ethane, bis(diphenylphosphino)propane, bis(diphenylphosphino)binaphthyl, ethylene, propylene, butene, butadiene,

ene, octene, octadiene, cyclohexene, cyclohexadiene, norbornene, and norbornadiene.

[0039] Examples of the transition metal complex of formula (1) include 2,2'-(phenylphosphido)bisphenoxychromium chloride,

2,2'-(phenylphosphido)bis(4-methylphenoxy)chromium chloride,

5 2,2'-(phenylphosphido)bis(4,6-dimethylphenoxy)chromium chloride,

2,2'-(phenylphosphido)bis(4-tert-butyl-6-methylphenoxy)-chromium chloride,

2,2'-(phenylphosphido)bis(6-tert-butyl-4-methylphenoxy)-chromium chloride,

2,2'-(phenylphosphido)bis(4,6-di-tert-butylphenoxy)chromium chloride,

10 2,2'-(phenylphosphido)bis(4-methoxyphenoxy)chromium chloride, 2,2'-(phenylphosphido)bis(6-bromophenoxy)chromium chloride,

2,2'-(phenylphosphido)bis(6-trimethylsilylphenoxy)chromium chloride,

2,2'-(methylphosphido)bisphenoxychromium chloride,

2,2'-(methylphosphido)bis(4-methylphenoxy)chromium chloride,

2,2'-(methylphosphido)bis(4,6-dimethylphenoxy)chromium chloride,

15 2,2'-(methylphosphido)bis(4-tert-butyl-6-methylphenoxy)-chromium chloride,

2,2'-(methylphosphido)bis(6-tert-butyl-4-methylphenoxy)chromium chloride,

2,2'-(methylphosphido)bis(4,6-di-tert-butylphenoxy)chromium chloride,

2,2'-(methylphosphido)bis(4-methoxyphenoxy)chromium chloride, 2,2'-(methylphosphido)bis(6-bromophenoxy)chromium chloride,

20 2,2'-(methylphosphido)bis(6-trimethylsilylphenoxy)chromium chloride,

2,2'-(tert-butylphosphido)bisphenoxychromium chloride,

2,2'-(tert-butylphosphido)bis(4-methylphenoxy)chromium chloride,

2,2'-(tert-butylphosphido)bis(4,6-dimethylphenoxy)chromium chloride,

2,2'-(tert-butylphosphido)bis(4-tert-butyl-6-methylphenoxy)-chromium chloride,

25 2,2'-(tert-butylphosphido)bis(6-tert-butyl-4-methylphenoxy)chromium chloride,

2,2'-(tert-butylphosphido)bis(4,6-di-tert-butylphenoxy)-chromium chloride,

2,2'-(tert-butylphosphido)bis(4-methoxyphenoxy)chromium chloride,

2,2'-(tert-butylphosphido)bis(6-bromophenoxy)chromium chloride,

2,2'-(tert-butylphosphido)bis(6-trimethylsilylphenoxy)-chromium chloride,

30 2,2'-(cyclohexylphosphido)bisphenoxychromium chloride,

2,2'-(cyclohexylphosphido)bis(4-methylphenoxy)chromium chloride,

2,2'-(cyclohexylphosphido)bis(4,6-dimethylphenoxy)chromium chloride,

2,2'-(cyclohexylphosphido)bis(4-tert-butyl-6-methylphenoxy)chromium chloride,

2,2'-(cyclohexylphosphido)bis(6-tert-butyl-4-methylphenoxy)chromium chloride,

35 2,2'-(cyclohexylphosphido)bis(4,6-di-tert-butylphenoxy)-chromium chloride,

2,2'-(cyclohexylphosphido)bis(4-methoxyphenoxy)chromium chloride,

2,2'-(cyclohexylphosphido)bis(6-bromophenoxy)chromium chloride,

2,2'-(cyclohexylphosphido)bis(6-trimethylsilylphenoxy)-chromium chloride,

2,2'-(benzylphosphido)bisphenoxychromium chloride,

40 2,2'-(benzylphosphido)bis(4-methylphenoxy)chromium chloride,

2,2'-(benzylphosphido)bis(4,6-dimethylphenoxy)chromium chloride,

2,2'-(benzylphosphido)bis(4-tert-butyl-6-methylphenoxy)-chromium chloride,

2,2'-(benzylphosphido)bis(6-tert-butyl-4-methylphenoxy)-chromium chloride,

2,2'-(benzylphosphido)bis(4,6-di-tert-butylphenoxy)chromium chloride,

45 2,2'-(benzylphosphido)bis(4-methoxyphenoxy)chromium chloride, 2,2'-(benzylphosphido)bis(6-bromophenoxy)chromium chloride,

2,2'-(benzylphosphido)bis(6-trimethylsilylphenoxy)chromium chloride,

2,2'-(trimethylsilylphosphido)bisphenoxychromium chloride,

2,2'-(trimethylsilylphosphido)bis(4-methylphenoxy)chromium chloride,

50 2,2'-(trimethylsilylphosphido)bis(4,6-dimethylphenoxy)-chromium chloride,

2,2'-(trimethylsilylphosphido)bis(4-tert-butyl-6-methylphenoxy)chromium chloride,

2,2'-(trimethylsilylphosphido)bis(6-tert-butyl-4-methylphenoxy)chromium chloride,

2,2'-(trimethylsilylphosphido)bis(4,6-di-tert-butylphenoxy)chromium chloride,

2,2'-(trimethylsilylphosphido)bis(4-methoxyphenoxy)chromium chloride,

55 2,2'-(trimethylsilylphosphido)bis(6-bromophenoxy)chromium chloride, and

2,2'-(trimethylsilylphosphido)bis(6-trimethylsilylphenoxy)-chromium chloride, and compounds in which the chromium is replaced by molybdenum or tungsten, and compounds in which chloride is replaced by bromide, iodide, methoxide, isopropoxide, butoxide, dimethylamide, ethylamide, methyl, or trimethylsilylmethyl.

[0040] The compound of formula (3) can be prepared according to the method described in JP-A No. 9-104691.

[0041] Examples of the compound of formula (3) include:

- 5 bis(hydroxymethyl)methylphosphine,
- bis(hydroxymethyl)isopropylphosphine,
- 10 bis(hydroxymethyl)ethylphosphine,
- bis(hydroxymethyl)-n-propylphosphine,
- bis(hydroxymethyl)-n-butylphosphine,
- bis(hydroxymethyl)-t-butylphosphine,
- bis(hydroxymethyl)benzylphosphine,
- 15 bis(hydroxymethyl)phenylphosphine,
- bis(hydroxymethyl)mesitylphosphine,
- bis(hydroxymethyl)(3-chlorophenyl)phosphine,
- bis(hydroxymethyl)(trimethylsilyl)phosphine,
- 20 bis(hydroxymethyl)(diphenylmethysilyl)phosphine,
- bis(hydroxymethyl)(dimethylphenylsilyl)phosphine,
- bis(2-hydroxyethyl)methylphosphine,
- bis(2-hydroxyethyl)isopropylphosphine,
- bis(2-hydroxyethyl)ethylphosphine,
- 25 bis(2-hydroxyethyl)-n-propylphosphine,
- bis(2-hydroxyethyl)-n-butylphosphine,
- bis(2-hydroxyethyl)-t-butylphosphine,
- bis(2-hydroxyethyl)benzylphosphine,
- bis(2-hydroxyethyl)phenylphosphine,
- bis(2-hydroxyethyl)mesitylphosphine,
- 30 bis(2-hydroxyethyl)(3-chlorophenyl)phosphine,
- bis(2-hydroxyethyl)(trimethylsilyl)phosphine,
- bis(2-hydroxyethyl)(diphenylmethysilyl)phosphine,
- bis(2-hydroxyethyl)(dimethylphenylsilyl)phosphine,
- bis(3-hydroxypropyl)methylphosphine,
- 35 bis(3-hydroxypropyl)isopropylphosphine,
- bis(3-hydroxypropyl)ethylphosphine,
- bis(3-hydroxypropyl)-n-propylphosphine,
- bis(3-hydroxypropyl)-n-butylphosphine,
- bis(3-hydroxypropyl)-tert-butylphosphine,
- bis(3-hydroxypropyl)benzylphosphine,
- bis(3-hydroxypropyl)phenylphosphine,
- 40 bis(3-hydroxypropyl)mesitylphosphine,
- bis(3-hydroxypropyl)(3-chlorophenyl)phosphine,
- bis(3-hydroxypropyl)(trimethylsilyl)phosphine,
- bis(3-hydroxypropyl)(diphenylmethysilyl)phosphine,
- bis(3-hydroxypropyl)(dimethylphenylsilyl)phosphine,
- bis(1-hydroxyethyl)methylphosphine,
- bis(1-hydroxyethyl)isopropylphosphine,
- 45 bis(1-hydroxyethyl)ethylphosphine,
- bis(1-hydroxyethyl)-n-propylphosphine,
- bis(1-hydroxyethyl)-n-butylphosphine,
- bis(1-hydroxyethyl)-tert-butylphosphine,
- bis(1-hydroxyethyl)benzylphosphine,
- bis(1-hydroxyethyl)phenylphosphine,
- 50 bis(1-hydroxyethyl)mesitylphosphine,
- bis(1-hydroxyethyl)(3-chlorophenyl)phosphine,
- bis(1-hydroxyethyl)(trimethylsilyl)phosphine,
- bis(1-hydroxyethyl)(diphenylmethysilyl)phosphine,
- bis(1-hydroxyethyl)(dimethylphenylsilyl)phosphine,
- 55 bis(2-hydroxyethylenyl)methylphosphine,
- bis(2-hydroxyethylenyl)isopropylphosphine,
- bis(2-hydroxyethylenyl)ethylphosphine,
- bis(2-hydroxyethylenyl)-n-propylphosphine,

5 bis(2-hydroxyethyl)phosphine,
bis(2-hydroxyethyl)tert-butylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxyethyl)benzylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxyethyl)phenylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxyethyl)mesitylphosphine,
10 bis(2-hydroxyethyl)(3-chlorophenyl)phosphine,
bis(2-hydroxyethyl)(trimethylsilyl)phosphine,
bis(2-hydroxyethyl)(diphenylmethylsilyl)phosphine,
bis(2-hydroxyethyl)(dimethylphenylsilyl)phosphine,
bis(3-hydroxypropenyl)methylphosphine,
15 bis(3-hydroxypropenyl)isopropylphosphine,
bis(3-hydroxypropenyl)ethylphosphine,
bis(3-hydroxypropenyl)-n-propylphosphine,
bis(3-hydroxypropenyl)-n-butylphosphine,
bis(3-hydroxypropenyl)-tert-butylphosphine,
20 bis(3-hydroxypropenyl)benzylphosphine,
bis(3-hydroxypropenyl)phenylphosphine,
bis(3-hydroxypropenyl)mesitylphosphine,
bis(3-hydroxypropenyl)(3-chlorophenyl)phosphine,
bis(3-hydroxypropenyl)(trimethylsilyl)phosphine,
25 bis(3-hydroxypropenyl)(diphenylmethylsilyl)phosphine,
bis(3-hydroxypropenyl)(dimethylphenylsilyl)phosphine,
bis(2-hydroxyphenyl)methylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxyphenyl)isopropylphosphine,
30 bis(2-hydroxyphenyl)ethylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxyphenyl)-n-propylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxyphenyl)-n-butylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxyphenyl)-tert-butylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxyphenyl)benzylphosphine,
35 bis(2-hydroxyphenyl)phenylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxyphenyl)mesitylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxyphenyl)-(3-chlorophenyl)phosphine,
bis(2-hydroxyphenyl)-(trimethylsilyl)phosphine,
bis(2-hydroxyphenyl)-(diphenylmethylsilyl)phosphine,
40 bis(2-hydroxyphenyl)-(dimethylphenylsilyl)phosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3-methylphenyl)methylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3-methylphenyl)isopropylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3-methylphenyl)ethylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3-methylphenyl)-n-propylphosphine,
45 bis(2-hydroxy-3-methylphenyl)-n-butylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3-methylphenyl)-tert-butylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3-methylphenyl)benzylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3-methylphenyl)phenylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3-methylphenyl)mesitylphosphine,
50 bis(2-hydroxy-3-methylphenyl)(3-chlorophenyl)phosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3-methylphenyl)(trimethylsilyl)phosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3-methylphenyl)(diphenylmethylsilyl)phosphine, bis(2-hydroxy-3-methylphenyl)(dimethylphenylsilyl)phosphine
bis(2-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)methylphosphine,
55 bis(2-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)isopropylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)ethylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)-n-propylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)-n-butylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)-t-butylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)benzylphosphine,
60 bis(2-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)phenylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)mesitylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)(3-chlorophenyl)phosphine,

5 bis(2-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)(trimethylsilyl)phosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)(diphenylmethylsilyl)phosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)(dimethylphenylsilyl)phosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3-tert-butylphenyl)methylphosphine,
10 bis(2-hydroxy-3-t-butylphenyl)isopropylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3-t-butylphenyl)ethylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3-t-butylphenyl)-n-propylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3-t-butylphenyl)-n-butylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3-t-butylphenyl)-t-butylphosphine,
15 bis(2-hydroxy-3-t-butylphenyl)benzylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3-t-butylphenyl)phenylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3-t-butylphenyl)mesitylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3-t-butylphenyl)(3-chlorophenyl)phosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3-t-butylphenyl)(trimethylsilyl)phosphine,
20 bis(2-hydroxy-3-t-butylphenyl)(diphenylmethylsilyl)phosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3-t-butylphenyl)(dimethylphenylsilyl)phosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-5-tert-butylphenyl)methylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-5-t-butylphenyl)isopropylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-5-tert-butylphenyl)ethylphosphine,
25 bis(2-hydroxy-5-tert-butylphenyl)-n-propylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-5-tert-butylphenyl)-n-butylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-5-tert-butylphenyl)-tert-butylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-5-tert-butylphenyl)benzylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-5-tert-butylphenyl)phenylphosphine,
30 bis(2-hydroxy-5-tert-butylphenyl)mesitylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-5-tert-butylphenyl)(3-chlorophenyl)phosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-5-tert-butylphenyl)(trimethylsilyl)phosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-5-tert-butylphenyl)(diphenylmethylsilyl)phosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-5-tert-butylphenyl)(dimethylphenylsilyl)phosphine,
35 bis(2-hydroxy-3-butyl-5-methylphenyl)methylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3-butyl-5-methylphenyl)isopropylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3-butyl-5-methylphenyl)ethylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3-butyl-5-methylphenyl)-n-propylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3-butyl-5-methylphenyl)-n-butylphosphine,
40 bis(2-hydroxy-3-butyl-5-methylphenyl)-tert-butylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3-butyl-5-methylphenyl)benzylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3-butyl-5-methylphenyl)phenylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3-butyl-5-methylphenyl)mesitylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3-butyl-5-methylphenyl)(3-chlorophenyl)phosphine,
45 bis(2-hydroxy-3-butyl-5-methylphenyl)(trimethylsilyl)phosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3-butyl-5-methylphenyl)(diphenylmethylsilyl)phosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3-butyl-5-methylphenyl)(dimethylphenylsilyl)phosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-5-butyl-3-methylphenyl)methylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-5-butyl-3-methylphenyl)isopropylphosphine,
50 bis(2-hydroxy-5-butyl-3-methylphenyl)ethylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-5-butyl-3-methylphenyl)-n-propylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-5-butyl-3-methylphenyl)-n-butylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-5-butyl-3-methylphenyl)-tert-butylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-5-butyl-3-methylphenyl)benzylphosphine,
55 bis(2-hydroxy-5-butyl-3-methylphenyl)phenylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-5-butyl-3-methylphenyl)mesitylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-5-butyl-3-methylphenyl)(3-chlorophenyl)phosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-5-butyl-3-methylphenyl)(trimethylsilyl)phosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-5-butyl-3-methylphenyl)(diphenylmethylsilyl)phosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-5-butyl-3-methylphenyl)(dimethylphenylsilyl)phosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3,5-dimethylphenyl)methylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3,5-dimethylphenyl)isopropylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3,5-dimethylphenyl)ethylphosphine,

bis(2-hydroxy-3,5-dimethylphenyl)-n-propylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3,5-dimethylphenyl)-n-butylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3,5-dimethylphenyl)-tert-butylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3,5-dimethylphenyl)benzylphosphine,
5 bis(2-hydroxy-3,5-dimethylbenyl)phenylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3,5-dimethylphenyl)mesitylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3,5-dimethylphenyl)(3-chlorophenyl)phosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3,5-dimethylphenyl)(trimethylsilyl)phosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3,5-dimethylphenyl)(diphenylmethylsilyl)phosphine,
10 bis(2-hydroxy-3,5-dimethylphenyl)(dimethylphenylsilyl)phosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3,5-dibutylphenyl)methylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3,5-dibutylphenyl)isopropylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3,5-dibutylphenyl)ethylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3,5-dibutylphenyl)-n-propylphosphine,
15 bis(2-hydroxy-3,5-dibutylphenyl)-n-butylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3,5-dibutylphenyl)-tert-butylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3,5-dibutylphenyl)benzylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3,5-dibutylphenyl)phenylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3,5-dibutylphenyl)mesitylphosphine,
20 bis(2-hydroxy-3,5-dibutylphenyl)(3-chlorophenyl)phosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3,5-dibutylphenyl)(trimethylsilyl)phosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3,5-dibutylphenyl)(diphenylmethylsilyl)phosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3,5-dibutylphenyl)(dimethylphenylsilyl)phosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3-methyl-5-methoxyphenyl)methylphosphine,
25 bis(2-hydroxy-3-methyl-5-methoxyphenyl)isopropylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3-methyl-5-methoxyphenyl)ethylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3-methyl-5-methoxyphenyl)-n-propylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3-methyl-5-methoxyphenyl)-n-butylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3-methyl-5-methoxyphenyl)-tert-butylphosphine,
30 bis(2-hydroxy-3-methyl-5-methoxyphenyl)benzylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3-methyl-5-methoxyphenyl)phenylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3-methyl-5-methoxyphenyl)mesitylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3-methyl-5-methoxyphenyl)(3-chlorophenyl)-phosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3-methyl-5-methoxyphenyl)(trimethylsilyl)-phosphine,
35 bis(2-hydroxy-3-methyl-5-methoxyphenyl)(diphenylmethylsilyl)phosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3-methyl-5-methoxyphenyl)(dimethylphenylsilyl)phosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3-trimethylsilylphenyl)methylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3-trimethylsilylphenyl)isopropylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3-trimethylsilylphenyl)ethylphosphine,
40 bis(2-hydroxy-3-trimethylsilylphenyl)-n-propylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3-trimethylsilylphenyl)-n-butylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3-trimethylsilylphenyl)-tert-butylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3-trimethylsilylphenyl)benzylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3-trimethylsilylphenyl)phenylphosphine,
45 bis(2-hydroxy-3-trimethylsilylphenyl)mesitylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3-trimethylsilylphenyl)(3-chlorophenyl)phosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3-trimethylsilylphenyl)(trimethylsilyl)phosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3-trimethylsilylphenyl)(diphenylmethylsilyl)-phosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3-trimethylsilylphenyl)(dimethylphenylsilyl)-phosphine,
50 bis(2-hydroxy-3,5-dibromophenyl)methylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3,5-dibromophenyl)isopropylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3,5-dibromophenyl)ethylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3,5-dibromophenyl)-n-propylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3,5-dibromophenyl)-n-butylphosphine,
55 bis(2-hydroxy-3,5-dibromophenyl)-tert-butylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3,5-dibromophenyl)benzylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3,5-dibromophenyl)phenylphosphine,
bis(2-hydroxy-3,5-dibromophenyl)mesitylphosphine,

bis(2-hydroxy-3,5-dibromophenyl)(3-chlorophenyl)phosphine,
 bis(2-hydroxy-3,5-dibromophenyl)(trimethylsilyl)phosphine,
 bis(2-hydroxy-3,5-dibromophenyl)(diphenylmethylsilyl)phosphine,
 bis(2-hydroxy-3,5-dibromophenyl)(dimethylphenylsilyl)phosphine,
 5 bis(2-hydroxy-1-naphthyl)methylphosphine,
 bis(2-hydroxy-1-naphthyl)isopropylphosphine,
 bis(2-hydroxy-1-naphthyl)ethylphosphine,
 bis(2-hydroxy-1-naphthyl)-n-propylphosphine,
 bis(2-hydroxy-1-naphthyl)-n-butylphosphine,
 10 bis(2-hydroxy-1-naphthyl)-tert-butylphosphine,
 bis(2-hydroxy-1-naphthyl)benzylphosphine,
 bis(2-hydroxy-1-naphthyl)phenylphosphine,
 bis(2-hydroxy-1-naphthyl)mesitylphosphine,
 bis(2-hydroxy-1-naphthyl)(3-chlorophenyl)phosphine,
 15 bis(2-hydroxy-1-naphthyl)(trimethylsilyl)phosphine,
 bis(2-hydroxy-1-naphthyl)(diphenylmethylsilyl)phosphine,
 bis(2-hydroxy-1-naphthyl)(dimethylphenylsilyl)phosphine,
 bis(1-hydroxy-2-naphthyl)methylphosphine,
 bis(1-hydroxy-2-naphthyl)isopropylphosphine,
 20 bis(1-hydroxy-2-naphthyl)ethylphosphine,
 bis(1-hydroxy-2-naphthyl)-n-propylphosphine,
 bis(1-hydroxy-2-naphthyl)-n-butylphosphine,
 bis(1-hydroxy-2-naphthyl)-tert-butylphosphine,
 bis(1-hydroxy-2-naphthyl)benzylphosphine,
 25 bis(1-hydroxy-2-naphthyl)phenylphosphine,
 bis(1-hydroxy-2-naphthyl)mesitylphosphine,
 bis(1-hydroxy-2-naphthyl)(3-chlorophenyl)phosphine,
 bis(1-hydroxy-2-naphthyl)(trimethylsilyl)phosphine,
 bis(1-hydroxy-2-naphthyl)(diphenylmethylsilyl)phosphine,
 30 bis(1-hydroxy-2-naphthyl)(dimethylphenylsilyl)phosphine,
 bis(dimethylsilanol)methylphosphine,
 bis(dimethylsilanol)isopropylphosphine,
 bis(dimethylsilanol)ethylphosphine,
 bis(dimethylsilanol)-n-propylphosphine,
 35 bis(dimethylsilanol)-n-butylphosphine,
 bis(dimethylsilanol)-tert-butylphosphine,
 bis(dimethylsilanol)benzylphosphine,
 bis(dimethylsilanol)phenylphosphine,
 bis(dimethylsilanol)mesitylphosphine,
 40 bis(dimethylsilanol)(3-chlorophenyl)phosphine,
 bis(dimethylsilanol)(trimethylsilyl)phosphine,
 bis(dimethylsilanol)(diphenylmethylsilyl)phosphine,
 bis(dimethylsilanol)(dimethylphenylsilyl)phosphine,
 bis(methylphenylsilanol)methylphosphine,
 45 bis(methylphenylsilanol)isopropylphosphine,
 bis(methylphenylsilanol)ethylphosphine,
 bis(methylphenylsilanol)-n-propylphosphine,
 bis(methylphenylsilanol)-n-butylphosphine,
 bis(methylphenylsilanol)-tert-butylphosphine,
 50 bis(methylphenylsilanol)benzylphosphine,
 bis(methylphenylsilanol)phenylphosphine,
 bis(methylphenylsilanol)mesitylphosphine,
 bis(methylphenylsilanol)(3-chlorophenyl)phosphine,
 bis(methylphenylsilanol)(trimethylsilyl)phosphine,
 55 bis(methylphenylsilanol)(diphenylmethylsilyl)phosphine,
 bis(methylphenylsilanol)(dimethylphenylsilyl)phosphine,
 bis(diphenylsilanol)methylphosphine,
 bis(diphenylsilanol)isopropylphosphine,

bis(diphenylsilanol)ethylphosphine,
 bis(diphenylsilanol)-n-propylphosphine,
 bis(diphenylsilanol)-n-butylphosphine,
 bis(diphenylsilanol)-tert-butylphosphine,
 5 bis(diphenylsilanol)benzylphosphine,
 bis(diphenylsilanol)phenylphosphine,
 bis(diphenylsilanol)mesitylphosphine,
 bis(diphenylsilanol)(3-chlorophenyl)phosphine,
 bis(diphenylsilanol)(trimethylsilyl)phosphine,
 10 bis(diphenylsilanol)(diphenylmethylsilyl)phosphine,
 bis(diphenylsilanol)(dimethylphenylsilyl)phosphine.

[0042] In addition, examples of the transition metal compound of formula (4) include trichlorochromium, trichlorochromium-3tetrahydrofuran complex, tris[bis(trimethylsilyl)methyl]chromium, dimesitylchromium tetrahydrofuran complex, dimesitylchromium 3tetrahydrofuran complex, trimesitylchromium tetrahydrofuran complex, chromium (II) acetylacetone, bis(trifluoroacetoxy)chromium, tris(trifluoroacetoxy)chromium,
 15 trichloromolybdenum, pentachloromolybdenum, molybdenum acetate, triallylchloromolybdenum, mesitylenetricarbonylmolybdenum, tetracarbonyl[(1,2,5,6)-1,5-cyclooctadiene]molybdenum,

20 tungsten tetrachloride, tungsten hexachloride, mesitylene tricarbonyl, tetrabenzyltungsten, tetramethyltungsten, pentamethyltungsten, benzyltetrachlorotungsten, phenyltrichlorotungsten, trimethylchlorotungsten, and tris[bis(trimethylsilyl)methyl]tungsten.

[0043] The transition metal complex of formula (1) can be obtained, for example, by reacting the compound of formula (3) with the transition metal compound of formula (4).

[0044] A mol ratio of the compound of formula (3) and the transition metal compound of formula (4) is not particularly limited, but is preferably in a range of 1:0.1 to 1:10, more preferably a range of 1:0.5 to 1:2.

[0045] Upon a reaction, a base is used, if necessary. Examples of the base include, for example, an organic alkali metal compound such as an organic lithium compound such as methyl lithium, ethyl lithium, n-butyl lithium, sec-butyl lithium, tert-butyl lithium, lithium trimethylsilyl acetylide, lithium acetylide, trimethylsilylmethyl lithium, vinyl lithium, phenyl lithium and allyl lithium, and the amount of the base is usually in a range of 0.5 to 5 moles per mol of the compound of formula (3).

[0046] The aforementioned reaction is usually performed in a solvent which is inert to a reaction. Examples of such the solvent include an aprotic solvent such as an aromatic hydrocarbon solvent such as benzene and toluene, an aliphatic hydrocarbon solvent such as hexane and heptane, an ether solvent such as diethyl ether, tetrahydrofuran, and 1,4-dioxane, an amide solvent such as hexamethylphosphoric amide, and dimethylformamide, a polar solvent such as acetonitrile, propionitrile, acetone, diethyl ketone, methyl isobutyl ketone, and cyclohexanone, and a halogenated solvent such as dichloromethane, dichloroethane, chlorobenzene, and dichlorobenzene. The solvents are used alone, or may be used by mixing two or more kinds. The amount of the solvent is usually in a range of 1 to 200 parts by weight, preferably 3 to 50 parts by weight per part by weight of the compound of formula (2).

[0047] An order of the aforementioned reaction is not particularly limited, but the reaction can be usually performed by adding a base to a solvent and the compound of formula (3), if necessary, and adding the transition metal compound of formula (4).

[0048] The reaction temperature is usually not lower than -100°C to a boiling point of a solvent, preferably in a range of about -80 to 100°C.

[0049] The transition metal complex of formula (1) can be obtained from the resulting reaction mixture by a conventional method, for example, by a procedure of filtering produced precipitates, and concentrating the filtrate to precipitate a solid matter.

[0050] The transition metal complex of formula (1) obtained by the reaction of the compound of formula (3) with the transition metal compound of formula (4) may be used in the polymerization without purifying from a reaction solution.

[0051] The thus prepared transition metal complex of formula (1) can be used by charging a compound (A) or further a compound (B) in an optional order in polymerization, or a reaction product obtained by contacting a combination of those optional compounds before-hand may be used.

[Compound A]

[0052] As the compound (A) used in the present invention, the known organic aluminum compound can be used. Preferred compound (A) is any one of compounds (A₁) to (A₃), or a mixture of two or more of them.

[0053] Examples of the organic aluminum compound (A₁) of formula:

(E₁)_aAl(Z')_(3-a) include trialkylaluminum such as trimethylaluminum, triethylaluminum, tripropylaluminum, triisobutyla-

luminum, and trihexylaluminum; dialkylaluminum chloride such as dimethylaluminum chloride, diethylaluminum chloride, dipropylaluminum chloride, diisobutylaluminum chloride, and dihexylaluminum chloride; alkylaluminum dichloride such as methylaluminum dichloride, ethylaluminum dichloride, propylaluminum dichloride, isobutylaluminum dichloride, hexylaluminum dichloride; dialkylaluminum hydride such as dimethylaluminum hydride, diethylaluminum hydride, dipropylaluminum hydride, diisobutylaluminum hydride, and dihexylaluminum hydride. Preferred is trialkylaluminum, and more preferred is triethylaluminum, or triisobutylaluminum.

5 [0054] Examples of E_2 or E_3 in cyclic aluminoxane (A_2) having a structure of formula: $\{-Al(E_2)-O\}_b$ or linear aluminoxane (A_3) having a structure of formula: $(E_3)\{-Al(E_3)-O\}_cAl(E_3)_2$ include an alkyl group such as a methyl group, an ethyl group, a normal propyl group, an isopropyl group, a normal butyl group, an isobutyl group, a normal pentyl group, and a neopentyl group. And, b is an integer of 2 or more, and c is an integer of 1 or more. Preferred E_2 and E_3 are a methyl group and an isobutyl group, b is 2 to 40, and c is around 1 to 40.

10 [0055] The aforementioned aluminoxane is prepared by various processes. The process is not particularly limited, but the aluminoxane may be prepared according to the known process. For example, the aluminoxane is prepared by contacting water with a solution in which trialkylaluminum (e.g. trimethylaluminum etc.) is dissolved in a suitable organic solvent (benzene, aliphatic hydrocarbon etc.). Alternatively, there can be exemplified a method of preparing the aluminoxane by contacting trialkylaluminum (e.g. trimethylaluminum) with a metal salt (e.g. copper sulfate hydrate etc.) containing crystal water.

15 [0056] Examples of the compound (B) used in the present invention include any one of boron compounds represented by (B_1) , (B_2) or (B_3) , or a mixture of two or more of them.

20 [0057] In the boron compound (B_1) of formula: $BQ_1Q_2Q_3$, B is a trivalent boron atom, and Q_1 to Q_3 are a halogen atom, a C1-20 hydrocarbon group, a halogenated C1-20 hydrocarbon group, a silyl group substituted with C1-20 hydrocarbon, an C1-20 alkoxy group, or an amino group disubstituted with C1-20 hydrocarbon, and may be the same or different. Preferred Q_1 to Q_3 are a halogen atom, a C1-20 hydrocarbon group, and a halogenated C1-20 hydrocarbon group.

25 [0058] Examples of (B_1) include tris(pentafluorophenyl)borane,

tris(2,3,5,6-tetrafluorophenyl)borane,

tris(2,3,4,5-tetrafluorophenyl)borane,

tris(3,4,5-trifluorophenyl)borane,

tris(2,3,4-trifluorophenyl)borane, and

30 phenylbis(pentafluorophenyl)borane, and preferred is tris(pentafluorophenyl)borane.

[0059] In the boron compound (B_2) of formula: $Z^+(BQ_1Q_2Q_3Q_4)^-$, Z^+ is an inorganic or organic cation, B is a trivalent boron atom, and examples of Q_1 to Q_4 include the same compound as those of Q_1 to Q_3 .

35 [0060] In the compound of formula: $Z^+(BQ_1Q_2Q_3Q_4)^-$, examples of Z^+ which is an inorganic cation include a ferrocenium cation, an alkyl-substituted ferrocenium cation, and a silver cation, and examples of Z^+ which is an organic cation include a

trifluoromethyl cation. Examples of $(BQ_1Q_2Q_3Q_4)^-$ include

tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate,

tetrakis(2,3,5,6-tetrafluorophenyl)borate,

tetrakis(2,3,4,5-tetrafluorophenyl)borate,

40 tetrakis(3,4,5-trifluorophenyl)borate,

tetrakis(2,2,4-trifluorophenyl)borate,

phenylbis(pentafluorophenyl)borate, and

tetrakis(3,5-bistrifluoromethylphenyl)borate.

45 [0061] Examples of the compound of formula: $Z^+(BQ_1Q_2Q_3Q_4)^-$ include ferrocenium tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate,

1,1'-dimethylferrocenium tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate, silver tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate, trifluoromethyl tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate, and trifluoromethyl tetrakis(3,5-bistrifluoromethylphenyl)borate, and preferred is trifluoromethyl tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate.

50 [0062] In addition, in the boron compound (B_3) of formula: $(L-H)^+(BQ_1Q_2Q_3Q_4)^-$, L is a neutral Lewis base, $(L-H)^+$ is a Brønsted acid, B is a trivalent boron atom, and examples of Q_1 to Q_4 include the same compounds as those of Q_1 to Q_3 in (B_1) .

55 [0063] In the compound of formula: $(L-H)^+(BQ_1Q_2Q_3Q_4)^-$, examples of $(L-H)^+$ which is a Brønsted acid include trialkyl-substituted ammonium, N,N-dialkylammonium, dialkylammonium, and triarylpophonium, and examples of $(BQ_1Q_2Q_3Q_4)^-$ include the same ions as those described above.

60 [0064] Examples of the compound of formula: $(L-H)^+(BQ_1Q_2Q_3Q_4)^-$ include triethylammonium tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate, tripropylammonium tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate, tri(normal butyl)ammonium tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate, tri(normal butyl)ammonium tetrakis(3,5-bistrifluoromethylphenyl)borate, N,N-dimethylammonium tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate, N,N-diethylammonium tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate, N,N-2,4,6-pentamethylammonium

tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate, N,N-dimethylanilinium tetrakis(3,5-bistrifluoromethylphenyl)borate, diisopropylammonium tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate, dicyclohexylammonium tetrakis(pentafluoro)borate, triphenylphosphonium tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate, tri(methylphenyl)phosphonium tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate, tri(dimethylphenyl)phosphonium tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate, preferably tri(normal butyl)ammonium tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate, and N,N-dimethylanilinium tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate.

[0065] The amount of each catalyst component is suitably set so that a molar ratio of compound (A)/transition metal complex (1) is usually in a range of 0.1 to 10000, preferably 5 to 2000, and a molar ratio of compound (B)/transition metal complex (1) is usually in a range of 0.01 to 100, preferably 0.5 to 10.

[0066] Regarding the concentration when each catalyst component is used in a solution state, it is desirable to use each component so that the concentration of the transition metal complex (1) is usually in a range of 0.0001 to 5 mmol/liter, preferably in a range of 0.001 to 1 mmol/liter, and that of the compound (A) is usually in a range of 0.01 to 500 mmol/liter, preferably in a range of 0.1 to 100 mmol/liter in terms of an Al atom, and that of the component (B) is in a range of 0.0001 to 5 mmol/liter, preferably in a range of 0.001 to 1 mmol/liter.

[0067] In the present invention, as a monomer used for polymerization, any of olefin and diolefin having 2 to 20 carbon atoms can be used, and two or more kinds of monomers may be used at the same time. The monomer will be exemplified below, but the present invention is not limited to the following compounds. Examples of the olefin include ethylene, propylene, butene-1, pentene-1, hexene-1, heptene-1, octene-1, nonene-1, decene-1,5-methyl-2-pentene-1, and vinylcyclohexene.

[0068] Examples of the diolefin compound include a conjugated diene and non-conjugated diene hydrocarbon compounds and, specific examples of the compound include the non-conjugated diene compound such as 1,5-hexadiene, 1,4-hexadiene, 1,4-pentadiene, 1,7-octadiene, 1,8-nonadiene, 1,9-decadiene, 4-methyl-1,4-hexadiene, 5-methyl-1,4-hexadiene, 7-methyl-1,6-octadiene, 5-ethylidene-2-norbornene, dicyclopentadiene, 5-vinyl-2-norbornene, 5-methyl-2-norbornene, norbornadiene, 5-methylene-2-norbornene, 1,5-cyclooctadiene, or 5,8-endomethylenehexahydro-naphthalene, and the conjugated diene compound such as 1,3-butadiene, isoprene, 1,3-hexadiene, 1,3-octadiene, 1,3-cyclooctadiene, or 1,3-cyclohexadiene.

[0069] Examples of the monomers constituting a copolymer include a combination of ethylene and propylene, ethylene and butene-1, ethylene and hexene-1, and propylene and butene-1, and a combination using further 5-ethylidene-2-norbornene in the combinations above, but the present invention is not limited to the above compounds.

[0070] In the present invention, as a monomer, an aromatic vinyl compound may be used. Examples of an aromatic vinyl compound include styrene, o-methylstyrene, m-methylstyrene, p-methylstyrene, o,p-dimethylstyrene, o-ethylstyrene, m-ethylstyrene, p-ethylstyrene, o-chlorostyrene, p-chlorostyrene, α -methylstyrene, and divinylbenzene.

[0071] The polymerization method is not particularly limited, but solvent polymerization or slurry polymerization using, as a solvent, an aliphatic hydrocarbon such as butane, pentane, hexane, heptane or octane, an aromatic hydrocarbon such as benzene or toluene, or halogenated hydrocarbon such as methylene dichloride, or vapor phase polymerization of a gaseous monomer is possible, and any of continuous polymerization and batch-type polymerization can be applied.

[0072] The polymerization temperature can be in a range of -50°C to 200°C, in particular, preferably in a range of around -20°C to 100°C, and a polymerization pressure is preferably normal pressure to 6 MPa (60 kg/cm² G). A polymerization time is generally selected appropriately depending on a kind of an objective polymer, and a reaction apparatus, and can be in a range of 1 minute to 20 hours. In addition, in the present invention, a chain transfer agent such as hydrogen maybe added in order to regulate a molecular weight of a copolymer.

Examples

[0073] The present invention will be explained in more detail below by way of Examples, but the present invention is not limited to these Examples. Nature of polymers in Examples was measured by the following methods.

[Molecular weight and molecular weight distribution]

[0074] A molecular weight and a molecular weight distribution were measured under the following condition using RapidGPC.

Pumping apparatus: (LC pump) manufactured by Gilson, Inc., Model305 (pump head 25.SC)

Column: manufactured by PolymerLaboratories (PL), PLgel

Mixed-B 10 μ m, 7.5 mm ϕ \times 300 mm

Mobile phase: o-dichlorobenzene

Dissolution solvent: 1,2,4-trichlorobenzene

Flow rate: 2 ml/min

Column temperature: 160°C

Calibration line: PL standard polystyrene (PS) 8 samples, (standard PS molecular weight) 5,000, 10,050, 28,500, 65,500, 185,400, 483,000, 1,013,000, 3,390,000

5 [Melting point]

[0075] A melting point was measured under the following condition using SAMMS (Sensor Array Modular System) (manufactured by Symyx Technologies, Inc.).

10 Measurement mode: Melting temperature measurement by heat capacity spectroscopy

Atmosphere gas: vacuum condition (3.0×10^{-4} Torr or less)

15 Temperature problem: (Start) room temperature, (Temperature raising rate) about 50°C/min, (Holding) 200°C(0 min)

15 [Me branching]

[0076] Me branching was measured under the following condition using IR (EQUINOX55 manufactured by Bruker).

20 Measurement mode: reflection transmission method (formation of film on mirror plane)

Blank: mirror plane (Air)

25 Measurement condition: (Resolution) 2 cm⁻¹, (Accumulated time) 128 times, (Wavelength) 400 to 4000 cm⁻¹

Synthesis Example

Example 1

25 [Synthesis of 2,2'-(phenylphosphido)bis(6-tert-butyl-4-methylphenoxy)chromium chloride]

[0077] To a solution (2.94mL) of NaH (0.20 g, 5.00 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran was added dropwise a solution (3.91 mL) of bis(2-hydroxy-3-tert-butyl-5-methylphenyl)phenylphosphine (0.43 g, 1.00 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran at 0°C, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 hours. Excessive NaH was removed by filtration, and a solution (2.94 mL) of CrCl₃ (THF)₃ (0.37 g, 1.00 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran was added dropwise to the filtrate at 0°C. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 hours, the solvent was distilled off under reduced pressure, toluene (10.0 mL) was added, insolubles were filtered off, and the filtrate was distilled off under reduced pressure to quantitatively obtain 2,2'-(phenylphosphido)bis(6-tert-butyl-4-methylphenoxy)chromium chloride as a green solid.

35 MS spectrum (E) 519 (M⁺)

Example 2

40 [Synthesis of bis(2-methoxymethoxy-3-tert-butyl-5-methylphenyl)(tert-butyl)phosphine]

[0078] To a solution (28.1 mL) of 2-tert-butyl-1-methoxymethoxy-4-methylbenzene (4.17 g, 20 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran was added a 1.57 M solution (15.3 mL) of n-butyllithium in hexane at 0°C, and the temperature was raised to room temperature, followed by stirring for 1 hour. To the reaction mixture was added a solution (18.8 mL) of tert-butylidichlorophosphine (1.75 g, 11.0 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran at 0°C, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 15 hours. The solvent was distilled off under reduced pressure, toluene (20.0 mL) was added, insolubles were filtered off, and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to quantitatively obtain bis(2-methoxymethoxy-3-tert-butyl-5-methylphenyl)(tert-butyl)phosphine as a yellow liquid.

45 ¹H NMR (C₆D₆) δ1.30(d, J = 12.4Hz, 9H), 1.51(18H), 2.12(6H), 3.52(6H), 5.46-5.72(4H), 7.16(2H), 7.30(2H)

50 ³¹P NMR (C₆D₆) δ-4.2

Example 3

[Synthesis of bis(2-hydroxy-3-tert-butyl-5-methylphenyl)(tert-butyl)phosphine]

55 [0079] To an ethyl acetate/methanol = 1/1 solution (60 mL) of bis(2-methoxymethoxy-3-tert-butyl-5-methylphenyl)(tert-butyl)phosphine (1.01 g, 2 mmol) was added acetyl chloride (0.79 g, 10.0 mmol) at room temperature, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 15 hours. The solvent was distilled off under reduced pressure to quantitatively obtain bis(2-hydroxy-3-tert-butyl-5-methylphenyl)(tert-butyl)phosphine as a pale yellow solid.

¹H NMR(C₆D₆) δ1.31(9H), 1.44(18H), 2.36(6H), 7.32(2H), 7.49(2H)

³¹P NMR(C₆D₆) δ-2.3

Example 4

5

[Synthesis of 2,2'-(tert-butylphosphido)bis(6-tert-butyl-4-methylphenoxy) chromium chloride]

[0080] To a solution (2.70 mL) of NaH (0.18 g, 4.43 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran was added a solution (3.60 mL) of bis (2-hydroxy-3-tert-butyl-5-methylphenyl)(tert-butyl)phosphine (0.40 g, 0.89 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran at 0°C, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 hours. Excessive NaH was removed by filtration, and a solution (2.70 mL) of CrCl₃(THF)₃ (0.33 g, 0.89 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran was added dropwise to the filtrate at 0°C. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 hours, the solvent was distilled off under reduced pressure, toluene (10.0 mL) was added, the insolubles were filtered off, and the filtrate was distilled off under reduced pressure to obtain 381.1 mg of 2,2'-(tert-butylphosphido)bis(2-tert-butyl-4-methylphenoxy) chromium chloride as a green solid.

15

MS spectrum (EI) 499 (M-1)

Example 5

20

Polymerization

25

[0081] 5.0 mL of toluene was placed into a 23.5 mL autoclave under nitrogen, and stabilized at 40°C, and then ethylene was pressurized to 0.60 MPa therein and stabilized. Methylaluminoxane (100 μmol), and 2,2'-(phenylphosphido)bis(6-tert-butyl-4-methylphenoxy)chromium chloride (0.10 μmol) were added thereto to perform polymerization for 30 minutes. As a result of polymerization, 1.08×10^7 g of a polymer was prepared per 1 mol of chromium an hour.

25

Example 6

30

[0082] According to the same manner as that of Example 5 except that a solution of triisobutylaluminum in hexane (40 μL, 1.0 M, Kanto Kagaku) and pentafluorophenylborane (0.30 μmol) were used in place of methylaluminoxane, polymerization was performed. As a result of polymerization, 4.00×10^6 g of a polymer was prepared per 1 mol of chromium an hour.

Example 7

35

[0083] According to the same manner as that of Example 5 except that a solution of triisobutylaluminum in hexane (40 μL, 1.0 M, Kanto Kagaku) and dimethylanilinium tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate (0.30 μmol) were used in place of methylaluminoxane, polymerization was performed. As a result of polymerization, 1.70×10^7 g of a polymer was prepared per 1 mol of chromium an hour.

40

Example 8

45

[0084] According to the same manner as that of Example 5 except that a solution of triisobutylaluminum in hexane (40 μL, 1.0 M, Kanto Kagaku) and triphenylmethyl tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate (0.30 μmol) were used in place of methylaluminoxane, polymerization was performed. As a result of polymerization, 7.72×10^7 g of a polymer was prepared per 1 mol of chromium an hour.

Example 9

50

[0085] 5.0 mL of toluene and 1-hexene (50 μL) were placed into a 23.5 mL autoclave under nitrogen, and stabilized at 40°C, and then ethylene was pressurized to 0.60 MPa therein and stabilized. Methylaluminoxane (100 μmol), 2,2'-(phenylphosphido)bis(6-tert-butyl-4-methylphenoxy)chromium chloride (0.10 μmol) were added thereto, followed by polymerization for 30 minutes. As a result of polymerization, 1.11×10^7 g of a polymer having a molecular weight (Mw) = 2.33×10^6 , a molecular weight distribution (Mw/Mn) = 2.0, a melting point (Tm) = 117.7°C, and Me branching of 9 per 1000 carbons was prepared per 1 mol of chromium an hour.

55

Example 10

[0086] According to the same manner as that of Example 9 except that a solution of triisobutylaluminum in hexane

(40 μ L, 1.0 M, Kanto Kagaku) and pentafluorophenylborane (0.30 μ mol) were used in place of methylaluminoxane, polymerization was performed. As a result of polymerization, 7.40×10^6 g of a polymer having a molecular weight (Mw) = 1.19×10^4 , a molecular weight distribution (Mw/Mn) = 1.9, a melting point (Tm) = 112.9°C, and Me branching of 8 per 1000 carbons was prepared per 1 mol of chromium an hour.

5

Example 11

[0087] According to the same manner as that of Example 9 except that a solution of triisobutylaluminum in hexane (40 μ L, 1.0 M, Kanto Kagaku) and dimethylanilinium tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate (0.30 μ mol) were used in place of methylaluminoxane, polymerization was performed. As a result of polymerization, 4.72×10^7 g of a polymer having a molecular weight (Mw) = 9.74×10^3 , a molecular weight distribution (Mw/Mn) = 2.0, a melting point (Tm) = 120.4°C, and Me branching of 14 per 1000 carbons was prepared per 1 mol of chromium an hour.

10

Example 12

15

[0088] According to the same manner as that of Example 9 except that a solution of triisobutylaluminum in hexane (40 μ L, 1.0 M, Kanto Kagaku) and triphenylmethyl tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate (0.30 μ mol) were used in place of methylaluminoxane, polymerization was performed. As a result of polymerization, 5.82×10^7 g of a polymer having a molecular weight (Mw) = 2.71×10^3 , a molecular weight distribution (Mw/Mn) = 4.6, a melting point (Tm) = 121.5°C and Me branching of 17 per 1000 carbons was prepared per 1 mol of chromium an hour.

20

Example 13

25

[0089] 5.0 mL of toluene and 1-hexene (50 μ L) were placed into a 23.5 mL autoclave under nitrogen, and stabilized at 70°C, and then ethylene was pressurized to 0.60 MPa therein and stabilized. Pentafluorophenylborane (0.30 μ mol) and 2,2'-(phenylphosphido)bis(6-tert-butyl-4-methylphenoxy)chromium chloride (0.10 μ mol) were added thereto, followed by polymerization for 30 minutes. As a result of polymerization, 2.06×10^7 g of a polymer having a molecular weight (Mw) = 3.3×10^3 , a molecular weight distribution (Mw/Mn) = 1.8, a melting point (Tm) = 131°C, and Me branching of 4 per 1000 carbons was prepared per 1 mol of chromium an hour.

30

Example 14

35

[0090] 5.0 mL of toluene was placed into a 23.5 mL autoclave under nitrogen, and stabilized at 40°C, and then ethylene was pressurized to 0.60 MPa therein and stabilized. Methylaluminoxane (100 μ mol) was placed therein, and a toluene solution obtained by mixing bis(2-hydroxy-3-tert-butyl-5-methylphenyl)phenylphosphine (0.20 μ mol) and $\text{CrCl}_3(\text{THF})_3$ (0.20 μ mol) at 25°C for 1 minute was added, and polymerization was carried out for 30 minutes. As a result of polymerization, 1.00×10^5 g of a polymer was prepared per 1 mol of chromium an hour.

Example 15

40

[0091] According to the same manner as that of Example 14 except that a solution of triisobutylaluminum in hexane (40 μ L, 1.0 M, Kanto Kagaku) and pentafluorophenylborane (0.30 μ mol) were used in place of methylaluminoxane, polymerization was performed. As a result of polymerization, 8.10×10^6 g of a polymer was prepared per 1 mol of chromium an hour.

45

Example 16

[0092] According to the same manner as that of Example 14 except that a solution of triisobutylaluminum in hexane (40 μ L, 1.0 M, Kanto Kagaku) and dimethylanilinium tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate (0.30 μ mol) were used in place of methylaluminoxane, polymerization was performed. As a result of polymerization, 1.29×10^7 g of a polymer was prepared per 1 mol of chromium an hour.

Example 17

50

[0093] According to the same manner as that of Example 14 except that a solution of triisobutylaluminum in hexane (40 μ L, 1.0 M, Kanto Kagaku) and triphenylmethyl tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate (0.30 μ mol) were used in place of methylaluminoxane, polymerization was performed. As a result of polymerization, 4.87×10^7 g of a polymer was prepared per 1 mol of chromium an hour.

Example 18

[0094] 5.0 mL of toluene was placed into a 23.5 mL autoclave under nitrogen, and stabilized at 40°C, and then ethylene was pressurized to 0.60 MPa therein and stabilized. Methylaluminoxane (100 µmol) was placed therein, and a toluene solution obtained by mixing bis(2-hydroxy-3-tert-butyl-5-methylphenyl)phenylphosphine (0.40 µmol) and CrCl₃ (THF)₃ (0.20 µmol) at 25°C for 1 minute was added, and polymerization was carried out for 30 minutes. As a result of polymerization, 1.00×10^5 g of a polymer was prepared per 1 mol of chromium an hour.

Example 19

[0095] According to the same manner as that of Example 18 except that a solution of triisobutylaluminum in hexane (40 µL, 1.0 M, Kanto Kagaku) and pentafluorophenylborane (0.30 µmol) were used in place of methylaluminoxane, polymerization was performed. As a result of polymerization, 9.80×10^6 g of a polymer was prepared per 1 mol of chromium an hour.

Example 20

[0096] According to the same manner as that of Example 18 except that a solution of triisobutylaluminum in hexane (40 µL, 1.0 M, Kanto Kagaku) and dimethylanilinium tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate (0.30 µmol) were used in place of methylaluminoxane, polymerization was performed. As a result of polymerization, 1.41×10^7 g of a polymer was prepared per 1 mol of chromium an hour.

Example 21

[0097] According to the same manner as that of Example 18 except that a solution of triisobutylaluminum in hexane (40 µL, 1.0 M, Kanto Kagaku) and triphenylmethyl tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate (0.30 µmol) were used in place of methylaluminoxane, polymerization was performed. As a result of polymerization, 7.98×10^7 g of a polymer was prepared per 1 mol of chromium an hour.

Example 22

[0098] 5.0 mL of toluene was placed into a 23.5 mL autoclave under nitrogen, and stabilized at 40°C, and then ethylene was pressurized to 0.60 MPa therein and stabilized. Methylaluminoxane (100 µmol), and 2,2'-(tert-butylphosphido)bis(2-tert-butyl-4-methylphenoxy) chromium chloride (0.10 µmol) were added thereto, and polymerization was carried out for 30 minutes. As a result of polymerization, 1.33×10^7 g of a polymer was prepared per 1 mol of chromium an hour.

Example 23

[0099] According to the same manner as that of Example 22 except that a solution of triisobutylaluminum in hexane (40 µL, 1.0 M, Kanto Kagaku) and pentafluorophenylborane (0.30 µmol) were used in place of methylaluminoxane, polymerization was performed. As a result of polymerization, 1.00×10^5 g of a polymer was prepared per 1 mol of chromium an hour.

Example 24

[0100] According to the same manner as that of Example 22 except that a solution of triisobutylaluminum in hexane (40 µL, 1.0 M, Kanto Kagaku) and dimethylanilinium tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate (0.30 µmol) were used in place of methylaluminoxane, polymerization was performed. As a result of polymerization, 2.12×10^7 g of a polymer was prepared per 1 mol of chromium an hour.

Example 25

[0101] According to the same manner as that of Example 22 except that a solution of triisobutylaluminum in hexane (40 µL, 1.0 M, Kanto Kagaku) and triphenylmethyl tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate (0.30 µmol) were used in place of methylaluminoxane, polymerization was performed. As a result of polymerization, 1.65×10^8 g of a polymer was prepared per 1 mol of chromium an hour.

Example 26

[0102] 5.0 mL of toluene and 1-hexene (50 μ L) were placed into a 23.5 mL autoclave under nitrogen, and stabilized at 40°C, and then ethylene was pressurized to 0.60 MPa therein and stabilized. Methylaluminoxane (100 μ mol) and 2,2'-(tert-butylphosphido)bis(6-tert-butyl-4-methylphenoxy) chromium chloride (0.10 μ mol) were added thereto, and polymerization was carried out for 30 minutes. As a result of polymerization, 1.11×10^7 g of a polymer having a molecular weight (Mw) = 7.30×10^3 , a molecular weight distribution (Mw/Mn) = 2.0, a melting point (Tm) = 114.5°C, and Me branching of 32 per 1000 carbons was prepared per 1 mol of chromium an hour.

10 Example 27

[0103] According to the same manner as that of Example 26 except that a solution of triisobutylaluminum in hexane (40 μ L, 1.0 M, Kanto Kagaku) and pentafluorophenylborane (0.30 μ mol) were used in place of methylaluminoxane, polymerization was performed. As a result of polymerization, 1.00×10^5 g of a polymer was prepared per 1 mol of chromium an hour.

15 Example 28

[0104] According to the same manner as that of Example 26 except that a solution of triisobutylaluminum in hexane (40 μ L, 1.0 M, Kanto Kagaku) and dimethylanilinium tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate (0.30 μ mol) were used in place of methylaluminoxane, polymerization was performed. As a result of polymerization, 2.77×10^7 g of a polymer having a molecular weight (Mw) = 9.00×10^3 , a molecular weight distribution (Mw/Mn) = 1.7, a melting point (Tm) = 117.7°C, and Me branching of 23 per 1000 carbons was prepared per 1 mol of chromium an hour.

20 Example 29

[0105] According to the same manner as that of Example 26 except that a solution of triisobutylaluminum in hexane (40 μ L, 1.0 M, Kanto Kagaku) and triphenylmethyl tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate (0.30 μ mol) were used in place of methylaluminoxane, polymerization was performed. As a result of polymerization, 1.59×10^8 g of a polymer having a molecular weight (Mw) = 8.30×10^3 , a molecular weight distribution (Mw/Mn) = 1.7, a melting point (Tm) = 116.6°C, and Me branching of 20 per 1000 carbons was prepared per 1 mol of chromium an hour.

25 Example 30

[0106] 5.0 mL of toluene and 1-hexene (50 μ L) were placed into a 23.5 mL autoclave under nitrogen, and stabilized at 70°C, and then ethylene was pressurized to 0.60 MPa therein and stabilized. Methylaluminoxane (100 μ mol) and 2,2'-(tert-butylphosphido)bis(6-tert-butyl-4-methylphenoxy) chromium chloride (0.10 μ mol) were added thereto, and polymerization was carried out for 30 minutes. As a result, 9.00×10^5 g of a polymer was prepared per 1 mol of chromium an hour.

30 Example 31

[0107] According to the same manner as that of Example 30 except that a solution of triisobutylaluminum in hexane (40 μ L, 1.0 M, Kanto Kagaku) and dimethylanilinium tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate (0.30 μ mol) were used in place of methylaluminoxane, polymerization was performed. As a result of polymerization, 4.10×10^6 g of a polymer having a molecular weight (Mw) = 4.00×10^3 , a molecular weight distribution (Mw/Mn) = 1.5, a melting point (Tm) = 122.1°C and Me branching of 27 per 1000 carbons was prepared per 1 mol of chromium an hour.

35 Example 32

[0108] According to the same manner as that of Example 30 except that a solution of triisobutylaluminum in hexane (40 μ L, 1.0 M, Kanto Kagaku) and triphenylmethyl tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate (0.30 μ mol) were used in place of methylaluminoxane, polymerization was performed. As a result of polymerization, 4.87×10^7 g of a polymer having a molecular weight (Mw) = 6.50×10^3 , a molecular weight distribution (Mw/Mn) = 1.53, a melting point (Tm) = 123.1°C, and Me branching of 15 per 1000 carbons was prepared per 1 mol of chromium an hour.

Example 33

[0109] 5.0 mL of toluene and 1-hexene (50 μ L) were placed into a 23.5 mL autoclave under nitrogen, and stabilized at 130°C, and then ethylene was pressurized to 0.60 Mpa therein and stabilized. Methylaluminoxane (100 μ mol) and 2,2'-(tert-butylphosphido)bis(6-tert-butyl-4-methylphenoxy) chromium chloride (0.10 μ mol) were added thereto, and polymerization was carried out for 30 minutes. As a result of polymerization, 5.00×10^5 g of a polymer was prepared per 1 mol of chromium an hour.

Example 34

[0110] According to the same manner as that of Example 33 except that a solution of triisobutylaluminum in hexane (40 μ L, 1.0 M, Kanto Kagaku) and dimethylanilinium tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate (0.30 μ mol) were used in place of methylaluminoxane, polymerization was performed. As a result of polymerization, 3.00×10^5 g of a polymer was prepared per 1 mol of chromium an hour.

Example 35

[0111] According to the same manner as that of Example 33 except that a solution of triisobutylaluminum in hexane (40 μ L, 1.0 M, Kanto Kagaku) and triphenylmethyl tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate (0.30 μ mol) were used in place of methylaluminoxane, polymerization was performed. As a result of polymerization, 6.00×10^5 g of a polymer was prepared per 1 mol of chromium an hour.

Comparative Example 1

[0112] 5.0 mL of toluene was placed into a 23.5 mL autoclave under nitrogen, and stabilized at 40°C, and then ethylene was pressurized to 0.60 MPa therein and stabilized. A solution of triisobutylaluminum in hexane (40 μ L, 1.0 M, Kanto Kagaku), triphenylmethyl tetrakis (pentafluorophenyl) borate (0.30 μ mol) and 2,2'-(phenylphosphido)bis(6-tert-butyl-4-methylphenoxy)(tetrahydrofuran) titanium dichloride (0.10 μ mol) were added thereto, and polymerization was carried out for 30 minutes. As a result of polymerization, 1.30×10^6 g of a polymer was prepared per 1 mol of titanium an hour.

Comparative Example 2

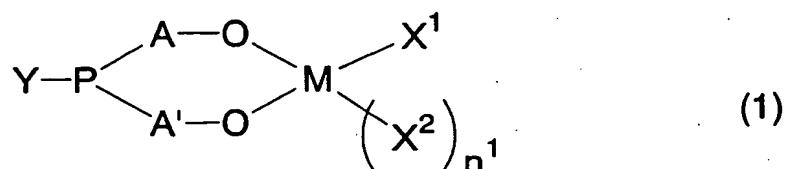
[0113] 5.0 mL of toluene and 1-hexene (50 μ L) were placed into a 23.5 mL autoclave under nitrogen, and stabilized at 40°C, and then ethylene was pressurized to 0.60 MPa therein and stabilized. A solution of triisobutylaluminum in hexane (40 μ L, 1.0 M, Kanto Kagaku), dimethylanilinium tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate (0.30 μ mol) and 2,2'-(phenylphosphido)bis(6-tert-butyl-4-methylphenoxy)(tetrahydrofuran) titanium dichloride (0.10 μ mol) were added thereto, and polymerization was carried out for 30 minutes. As a result of polymerization, 7.00×10^5 g of a polymer was prepared per 1 mol of titanium an hour.

Industrial Applicability

[0114] Using a transition metal complex obtained by the present invention as a catalytic component, polyolefin can be prepared with better catalyst activity.

Claims

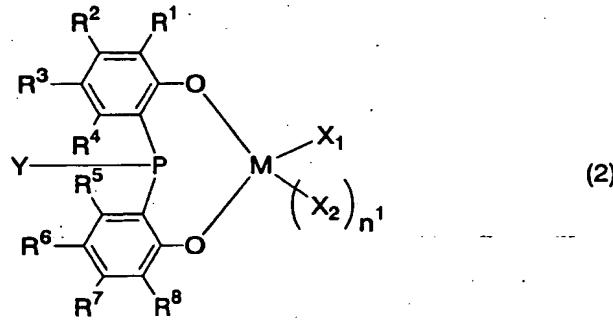
1. A transition metal complex of formula (1):



wherein M represents an element of Group 6 of Periodic Table of Elements,
 5 A and A' are the same or different and represent
 a substituted or unsubstituted C1-10 alkylene group,
 a substituted or unsubstituted C6-18 phenylene group,
 a substituted or unsubstituted C10-20 naphthylene group, or
 a silylene group substituted with substituted or unsubstituted C1-20 hydrocarbon,
 10 Y represents a substituted or unsubstituted C1-10 alkyl group,
 a substituted or unsubstituted C7-20 aralkyl group,
 a substituted or unsubstituted C6-20 aryl group,
 15 a silyl group substituted with substituted or unsubstituted C1-20 hydrocarbon,
 X¹ and X² are the same or different and represent
 a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom,
 a substituted or unsubstituted C1-10 alkyl group,
 a substituted or unsubstituted C7-20 aralkyl group,
 20 a substituted or unsubstituted C6-20 aryl group,
 a substituted or unsubstituted C1-10 alkoxy group,
 a substituted or unsubstituted C7-20 aralkyloxy group,
 a substituted or unsubstituted C6-20 aryloxy group, or
 an amino group disubstituted with C1-20 hydrocarbon, and
 n¹ is an integer of 0 to 3.

2. The transition metal complex according to claim 1, wherein at least one of A and A' is a substituted or unsubstituted C6-20 phenylene group.

25 3. The transition metal complex according to claim 1, wherein the compound of formula (1) is a compound of formula (2):



wherein M represents an element of Group 6 of Periodic Table of Elements,
 Y represents a substituted or unsubstituted C1-10 alkyl group,
 a substituted or unsubstituted C7-20 aralkyl group,
 a substituted or unsubstituted C6-20 aryl group,
 45 a silyl group substituted with substituted or unsubstituted C1-20 hydrocarbon,
 R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷ and R⁸ are the same or different and represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom,
 an C1-10 alkyl group, an C1-10 alkoxy group, or
 a silyl group substituted with C1-20 hydrocarbon,
 50 X¹ and X² are the same or different, and represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom,
 a substituted or unsubstituted C1-10 alkyl group,
 a substituted or unsubstituted C7-20 aralkyl group,
 a substituted or unsubstituted C6-20 aryl group,
 a substituted or unsubstituted C1-10 alkoxy group,
 55 a substituted or unsubstituted C7-20 aralkyloxy group,
 a substituted or unsubstituted C6-20 aryloxy group, or
 an amino group disubstituted with C1-20 hydrocarbon, and
 n¹ is an integer of 0 to 3.

4. The transition metal complex according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein Y is a substituted or unsubstituted C1-10 alkyl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted C6-20 aryl group.

5. The transition metal complex according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein M is a chromium atom.

6. An olefin polymerization catalyst obtained by combining the transition metal complex as defined in any one of claims 1 to 5 with the following compound (A).

Compound (A): any one of the following compounds (A₁) to (A₃), or a mixture of two or more of them

10 (A₁): an organic aluminum compound of formula (E₁)_aAl(Z')_(3-a),

(A₂): cyclic aluminoxane having a structure of formula {-Al(E₂)-O-}_b,

(A₃): linear aluminoxane having a structure of formula (E₃){-Al(E₃)-O-}_cAl(E₃)₂

15 wherein E₁ to E₃ are the same or different, and represent a C1-8 hydrocarbon group, Z's are the same or different, and represent a hydrogen atom or a halogen atom, a represents 1,2 or 3, b is an integer of 2 or more, and c represents an integer of 1 or more.

7. The olefin polymerization catalyst according to claim 6, which is obtained by further combining the following compound (B).

20 Compound (B): any one of the following compounds (B₁) to (B₃), or a mixture of two or more of them

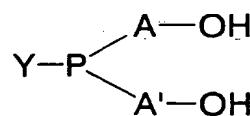
(B₁): a boron compound of formula BQ₁Q₂Q₃,

(B₂): a boron compound of formula Z⁺(BQ₁Q₂Q₃Q₄)⁻,

(B₃): a boron compound of formula (L-H)⁺(BQ₁Q₂Q₃Q₄)⁻,

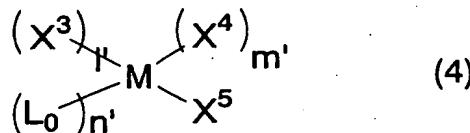
25 wherein B is a trivalent boron atom, Q₁ to Q₄ are the same or different and represent a halogen atom, a C1-20 hydrocarbon group, a halogenated C1-20 hydrocarbon group, a silyl group substituted with C1-20 hydrocarbon, an C1-20 alkoxy group, or an amino group disubstituted with C1-20 hydrocarbon, Z⁺ represents an inorganic or organic cation, and L represents a neutral Lewis base.

30 8. The olefin polymerization catalyst according to claim 6 or 7, wherein the transition metal complex is a reaction product obtained by reacting a compound of formula (3):



(3)

40 wherein A and A' are the same or different, and represent a substituted or unsubstituted C1-10 alkylene group, a substituted or unsubstituted C6-18 phenylene group, a substituted or unsubstituted C10-20 naphthylene group, or a silylene group substituted with substituted or unsubstituted C1-20 hydrocarbon, Y represents a substituted or unsubstituted C1-20 alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted C7-20 aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted C6-20 aryl group, a substituted or unsubstituted silyl group substituted with C1-20 hydrocarbon, with 45 a transition metal compound of formula (4):



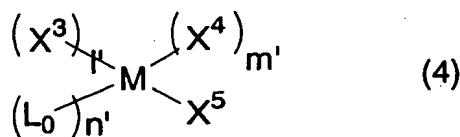
(4)

wherein M represents an element of Group 6 of Periodic Table of Elements,
 X^3 , X^4 and X^5 are the same or different, and represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted C1-10 alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted C7-20 aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted C6-20 aryl group, a substituted or unsubstituted C1-10 alkoxy group, a substituted or unsubstituted C7-20 aralkyloxy group, a substituted or unsubstituted C6-20 aryloxy group, or an amino group disubstituted with C1-20 hydrocarbon,
 L_0 represents a neutral ligand selected from ether, sulfide, amine, phosphine, or olefin, and $1'$, m' , and n' represent independently an integer of 0 to 2.

9. The olefin polymerization catalyst according to claim 8, wherein the molar ratio of the compound of formula (3) and the transition metal compound of formula (4) is 1:0.1 to 1:10.
10. A process for preparing an olefin polymer, which comprises polymerizing olefin utilizing an olefin polymerization catalyst as defined in any one of claims 6 to 9.
11. A process for preparing a transition metal complex of formula (1) as defined in claim 1, which comprises reacting a compound of formula (3):



wherein A and A' are the same or different, and represent
a substituted or unsubstituted C1-10 alkylene group,
a substituted or unsubstituted C6-18 phenylene group,
a substituted or unsubstituted C10-20 naphthylene group, or
a silylene group substituted with substituted or unsubstituted C1-20 hydrocarbon,
Y represents a substituted or unsubstituted C1-10 alkyl group,
a substituted or unsubstituted C7-20 aralkyl group,
a substituted or unsubstituted C6-20 aryl group,
a silyl group substituted with substituted or unsubstituted C1-20 hydrocarbon, with
a transition metal compound of formula (4):



wherein M represents an element of Group 6 of Periodic Table of Elements,
 X^3 , X^4 and X^5 are the same or different, and represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted C1-10 alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted C7-20 aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted C6-20 aryl group, a substituted or unsubstituted C1-10 alkoxy group, a substituted or unsubstituted C7-20 aralkyloxy group, a substituted or unsubstituted C6-20 aryloxy group, or an amino group disubstituted with C1-20 hydrocarbon,
 L_0 represents a neutral ligand selected from ether, sulfide, amine, phosphine or olefin, and l' , m' and n' represent independently an integer of 0 to 2.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.
PCT/JP03/13169

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
Int.C1' C07F9/50, 11/00, C08F4/646

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
Int.C1' C07F9/50, 11/00, C08F4/646

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
CAPLUS (STN), REGISTRY (STN)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	US 4115318 A (National Petro Chemicals Corp.), 19 September, 1978 (19.09.78), & JP 54-4293 A & GB 1575786 A	1-11
A	US 5585510 A (The B.F. Goodrich Co.), 17 December, 1996 (17.12.96), & JP 8-176281 A	1-11

Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.

See patent family annex.

"A"	Special categories of cited documents: document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance	"T"	later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention
"E"	earlier document but published on or after the international filing date	"X"	document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
"L"	document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)	"Y"	document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art
"O"	document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means	"&"	document member of the same patent family
"P"	document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed		

Date of the actual completion of the international search 21 January, 2004 (21.01.04)	Date of mailing of the international search report 10 February, 2004 (10.02.04)
Name and mailing address of the ISA/ Japanese Patent Office	Authorized officer

Facsimile No.

Telephone No.

Form PCT/ISA/210 (second sheet) (July 1998)